



## Spring 2022 1<sup>st</sup> Spring Term – Reception

We hope you all had an enjoyable and restful holidays. The children have come back excited to explore and spend time with their friends. We have loved hearing them talk about their Christmas break, they've been very eager to tell us all about it!

We hope that the children were able to tell you lots about seasonal changes last term. They enjoyed hearing the stories we read and got involved with all of the activities that were set up for them. It was lovely to hear the children describing Autumn trees, exploring ice and considering what clothes would be right for the winter.

This term, we are learning about 'Vehicles'. The children will learn about a range of different types of transport such as cars, buses, boats and planes. We will explore what it would be like to travel on these forms of transport and when we would choose which form of transport as well. We will discuss the fact that public transport is more eco-friendly and what this means for our world.

### Personal, Social & Emotional Development

The children will continue to build and develop relationships with peers and adults. They will be encouraged to play cooperatively alongside their peers to create games and ideas.

### Communication & Language

This term the children will develop their communication and language skills as they act out a variety of roles relating to vehicles and services such as mechanics, pilots and bus drivers. They will also be joining in with and retelling familiar stories.

### Physical Development

During outdoor play, the children will develop their gross-motor skills as they navigate obstacles, steer vehicles and kicking balls. We will also be working on balancing and jumping from obstacles too. The children will be using their fine-motor skills to use split pins and use their tripod grip during mark-making.

### Literacy

We are continuing to use Letterland this term while developing our blending and segmenting skills. The sounds we will be introducing are: c,k,e,u,r,h,b,f,l,j,v,y, and z. Please make sure you are using the Alpha arrows to make words. You can find these in the back of your child's home school book.

### Maths

We will be expanding our number skills and focussing on counting, recognising and matching numerals to 6. We will also be exploring shapes, using numicon and will be enjoying shape hunts around our environment.

### Understanding the World

We will be increasing the children's understanding of various vehicles and their similarities and differences. We will talk about our real-life experiences with these vehicles and make links to the environment, occupations and jobs in the community.

### Expressive Arts

We will continue to explore and manipulate a range of materials including playdough and will be making junk art vehicles. Please continue to bring in recyclable objects for junk modelling, especially egg cartons and kitchen roll/ toilet roll tubes. Thank you.

### Reminders for this half term

- ★ Please ensure your child has **all** winter kit in school including wellington boots and **waterproof winter** coats – **all clearly labelled with their name please!**
- ★ The children should be bringing a clearly named school water bottle to school with them every day.
- ★ Please ensure that your child has spare clothes in their books bags in case of any accidents.
- ★ Thank you to those families who are working hard on practising reading and word building at home. Please make sure that you are signing in your child's home school book when you have done some reading at home.

Miss Hunter and Miss Crawford-Smith ☺