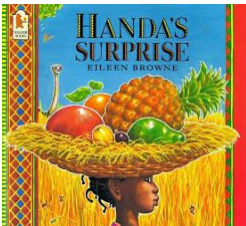


Term 3 - Off We Go!

We hope that your family had a fantastic Christmas break and your child is feeling recharged and ready for the term ahead. We are very excited about this term's theme which is called "Off We Go!" and we have planned lots of learning activities linked to journeys and different modes of transport.



Each week, whilst the children are learning from home, we will create 'My Learning Challenges' and a 'Phonics 5' plan and publish these on our EYFS webpage. The activities are suggestions and to act as a guide, feel free to adapt these to suit your child and to the resources you have at home. Your child should already have their Mathletics and Purple Mash login details and we would encourage them to use these online learning resources whilst they are at home. Each week we will be setting some '2dos' on Purple Mash that your child can complete and we will be checking Purple Mash regularly and responding back to work that the children save on here.



We begin the term by looking at journeys we make on foot and thinking about vehicles we see on the road. In the first week, we will be looking at the book 'Rosie's Walk', a beautifully illustrated story written by Pat Hutchins. Throughout the term, we will be linking our learning to a number of journey themed stories including 'Handa's Surprise', 'Mr Gumpy's Outing' and 'The Train Ride'. 'Space' is always a popular theme with our Reception children and so nearer the end of the term we will also be looking at the story 'Whatever Next'. We had planned to have a Space themed dress up day in the last week of term to celebrate and finish our theme and we are hoping that the current situation will have changed so that we will still be able to enjoy this day together. On page 2, you will find an outline of what we hope to cover through our theme 'Off We Go!' this term.

We love hearing from you and seeing the learning that your child is doing at home. The easiest way to share your child's learning with us is by using the Parent Share app that we know many of you are already using and familiar with. If you have any questions or need any support you can also get in touch with us at our email address: eyfs@wouldham.kent.sch.uk.

Thank you,

Take care and stay safe,
Mrs Smajli, Mrs Chandler and Miss Harris



Number and Shape, Space and Measure

- 🚗 Develop counting to 20, forwards and back.
- 🚗 Introduce zero.
- 🚗 Compare numbers to 5 - more, the same and fewer.
- 🚗 Explore the different compositions of 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8.
- 🚗 Explore shapes with 4 sides.
- 🚗 Develop an understanding of time - night and day/sequencing daily routines.
- 🚗 Compare mass and capacity.

Communication, Language and Literacy

- 🚗 Revise phase 2 sounds and tricky words.
- 🚗 Introduce phase 3 sounds and tricky words.
- 🚗 Learn the letters of the alphabet and practise writing each letter shape.
- 🚗 Find information about different modes of transport and their history.
- 🚗 Create story maps for storytelling.
- 🚗 Label pictures and models - linked to our journeys and transport theme.
- 🚗 Develop independent writing - captions and short sentences.

Understanding of the World

- 🚗 Find out more about where we live and the local area.
- 🚗 Learn about differences between the UK and Africa - linked to the story 'Handa's Surprise'.
- 🚗 Explore the history of bikes, cars, trains and planes.
- 🚗 Floating and sinking
- 🚗 Forces - what makes things move?
- 🚗 RE - What do Christians believe is special about Jesus and the message he brings?

Expressive Arts and Design

- 🚗 Retell stories using homemade props.
- 🚗 Map making linked to journeys we regularly make on foot.
- 🚗 Car designing and making.
- 🚗 Paintings of views from a train - linked to the story 'The Train Ride'.