

Thank you to all the parents who have already updated their 'All About Me' page on Tapestry and uploaded photos from their winter holidays! It has been lovely seeing what you've all been up to!

During this half term our topic will be 'How can we get from place to place?' We will investigate lots of different types of transport and find out how people travel, with a focus on land and air transportation. The children will begin to have an understanding of what maps are for and communicate a route in a familiar place using positional language. They will explore Kinetic Art with an artist focus on George Ricke as well as make their own vehicles through the use of recyclable materials and develop techniques to join, the use of tools to cut, and so on.

We will also learn about Lunar New Year and how it is celebrated!

Outdoor learning will also continue as normal so please ensure that your child comes to school with appropriate clothing and footwear for outside, e.g. puddlesuits, winter jackets, scarves, gloves, hats and please bring in wellies.

Celebrating Achievements:

Last half-term was full of fun and lots of learning! The children thoroughly enjoyed themselves when Hobgoblin came to perform and really engaged with the acting session afterwards! They have had fun exploring large and small scale mark-making, including beginning to use identifiable letters and hearing some initial sounds in words, as well as enjoying reading for pleasure! We did lots of baking which the children loved, especially as they got to eat their baked goods!



Why Not Try This at Home?

During this topic you might like to take your child on a walk and talk about the different types of vehicles you see during this time. You could visit the library and find out more about your child's favourite mode of transport, or look up some different types. The London Transport Museum in Covent Garden is a great place if you fancy a family outing, where the children get to see vehicles past and present and explore them. You could sing lots of nursery rhymes and make some props for them, e.g. Wheels on the Bus, Zoom, Zoom, Zoom, Row, Row, Row your Boat, Five Little Aliens, and so on. Don't forget to upload any photographs of you doing fun things onto Tapestry!

Top Tips for Talking:

This half term's top tips:

1) Younger children might find it difficult to tell you about their day at school. To support them, try giving choices like "did you paint a picture or play on the swings?" or ask "tell me one good thing that happened today". You could say one good thing about your day too, just to get the conversation going.

2) Share books together – interactive books with flaps or different textures are really great.

Makaton Signs:

Please see this half term's signs linked to our theme. Why not practise these with your children at home?



<u>Key Info:</u>

Please send spare clothes in with your children to leave in their lockers in case of a toileting accident, as well as a clearly labelled water bottle. 24th January – Individual Photos 6th February – Safer Internet Day 5th-9th February – Children's Mental Health Week 8th February – Valentine's Breakfast (parents invited in) 9th February – Last day 12th-16th February – Half Term 19th February – Inset Day School Closed 20th-23rd February – Bookfair @3:15pm in Silver Birch Large Hall 6th March – Little Angel's Puppet Theatre Visiting

7th March – World Book Day: Dress Up As Favourite Book Character

- 8th March Mother's Day Breakfast (parents invited in)
- 15th March Comic Relief: Red Nose Day
- 27th March Easter Fun (parents invited in)
- 29th March Last Day Of Term 2:15 finish

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If you would like to keep up to date with what is happening within school then you can find us using the apps and website below.







