

# Reception Newsletter

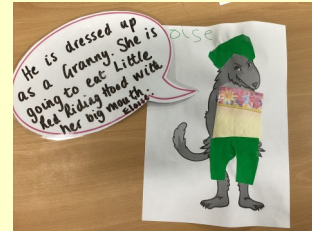


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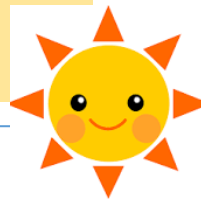
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Our topic this half term is 'Journeys'. Look at some of the fantastic learning the children did last half term.



## Diary Dates

- 11th June: Trip to Watercress Line
- 16th June: YR Sports morning
- 26th June: Inset day
- 19th July: Summer Fair
- 22nd July: last day of term



### Newsletter challenge

Together with your child, complete the questions on the newsletter. Tick them off as you complete them.



### Wow moments

Attached to our newsletter is a WOW moment card. This is for you to celebrate any new learning or skills that you have seen your child achieve at home.

Please fill in the card and return it to school so we can celebrate with the children.

As the weather is sunny please could your child come to school with a named sunhat and with sun cream applied.

Please bring in a labelled sun-cream for your child for use in school.

Children also need a named water bottle for in school.

### Reading

The children have been working hard with their reading in phonics. We will continue to send home books, new letter sounds and tricky words to practise at home with you.

Please try to read with your child at least 4 times a week and tick on the home reading sheet.

We will also be sending home a story book for you to read with them.

Please bring in your book bag every day.

## Personal and social development

The children will be talking about changes and how they feel about moving on to Year One.

## Physical development

This term, the PE focus is athletics. The children will be practising a range of athletics skills.

They will continue to develop their handwriting skills, practising forming letters correctly and keeping letters the same size.

## Maths

In maths, they will be learning about number patterns and counting beyond 20. They will talk about numbers that are greater or less than another number. They will also practise their number bonds to 5 and 10.

Can you remember all the ways to make 5?

## Communication and language

The children will be developing language to describe vehicles and how they move. They will also talk about the trip and the different places they saw on their journey.

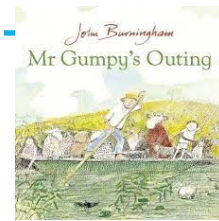
## Literacy

The children will be listening to a range of stories about journeys. They will be retelling the stories, then writing some of their own.

### Phonics

We continue to be amazed with how the children have been working in their phonic lessons. The children are practising reading words and new tricky words.

Can you answer questions about the stories you are reading?



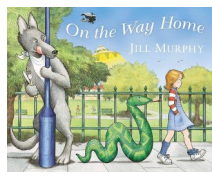
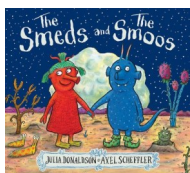
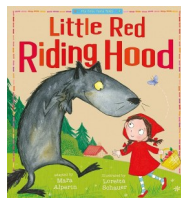
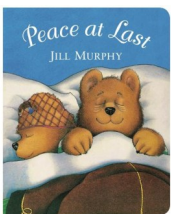
## Expressive Arts and design

Children will be exploring oil pastels and paint. They will also be creating vehicles using junk materials.

The children will also be learning songs about different types of transport.

Can you make a picture or model of your favourite vehicle?

## Our Super Six books for this half term



Can you draw a picture of your favourite fairy-

## Understanding the World

The children will be talking about different journeys from stories and their own experiences. They will be making comparisons about the different places.

They will be investigating different vehicles that move and how far they can roll. Also they will be exploring how different objects float and sink.

They will have the opportunity to use a laptop, learning how to log on and type their name.