

Are We There Yet?

Spring 2021

Amber Class

This term, Amber Class will be exploring all things transport as part of their Imaginative Learning Project - 'Are We There Yet?' In meeting the needs to of Early Years Foundation Stage Curriculum, the children will be learning to:

- Offer explanations as to why things happen, using recently introduced vocabulary.
- Read and write simple sentences that are consistent with their phonics knowledge.
- Know some of the similarities between things now and things from the past.

Personal Social and Emotional Development

This term we will continue to focus on building positive relationships with the children and adults around us.

We will focus on how to deal with feelings such as anger or worry that can impact us negatively. We will discuss how to deal with such feelings when they arise. We will discuss healthy living habits and we will focus particularly on how to look after our teeth.

Communication and Language

We will continue to develop our communication skills through regular discussions. We will have a particular focus on clearly explaining our thoughts and ideas, making predictions about what might happen during our core stories and our transport related investigations.

Literacy

We will be developing our story creating and story writing skills this term. We will be using 'The Naughty Bus' as our core text and we will be using the book to create our very own 'Naughty Bus' adventures. We will be orally rehearsing our stories and writing them down in our very own books.



Phonics: This term we will be focusing on our Phase 3 letters and sounds. These include: ch, sh, th, ng, ai, ee, igh, oa, oo, ar, or ur.

Tricky words: you, was, all, her, my



We will be practicing how to read and write short words and sentences independently.

Maths

As mathematicians we will be developing our understanding of numbers up to ten. We will be using the part whole model in order to investigate number bonds for numbers up to ten. We will further develop our understanding of 'combining two groups' and explore addition by counting on from the bigger number. We will also be looking at odd and even numbers and using concrete materials to explore what makes a number odd or even. We will continue to practice our subitising skills and look at how we can use our knowledge of subitising smaller quantities to help us work out larger quantities.

Expressive Arts and Design

Music- We will be learning lots of transport themed rhymes including 'Five Little Men in a Flying Saucer,' 'The Wheels on the Bus,' and 'Row, Row, Row Your Boat.' We will also continue to listen to and appraise different music and find its pulse. We will also be learning to copy repeated rhythms using body percussion and instruments.

Art and Design: We will be developing our design skills by using a range of materials to make our very own vehicles including cars, boats and hot air balloons. We will learning how to join materials together in different ways and we will be testing our creations to see how effective they are!

Understanding of the World

We will be learning about the different forms of transport that can be used on the land, in the sea and in the air. To develop our historical understanding, we will be comparing and contrasting how vehicles have changed over time.

We will also be talking about all the different places we have travelled or we would like to travel. We will use our geographical knowledge to locate these places on the map and we will investigate how our environment compares to other environments around the world.

Being Imaginative

We will be creating our very own transport themed role play area. The children will have access to a range of materials that will allow them to make large scale cars, trains and buses and they will also have materials that will enable them to develop a travel agent role play area.

Physical Development

We will be continuing with weekly P.E. sessions and these will take place every Thursday. Please can all children come to school dressed in their P.E kits on this day - including appropriate P.E. footwear.

This term we will be focusing on ball skills. We will be using footballs to practice our ball control. We will learn how to kick, pass and dribble the ball with increasing accuracy and control.

Key Vocabulary

Land

Sea

Air

Travel



Recommended Reads

- The Naughty Bus by Jan and Jerry Oke
- Mr Gumpy's Outing by John Burningham
- The Hundred Decker Bus by Mike Smith
- The Journey by Aaron Becker