

# Year R Summer 1 2024

This topic is called 'How will you get there?'

We will be focusing on journeys and the transport we need to use to get to different places. We will also be learning about the famous female aviator Amelia Earhart.

#### **Mathematics**

This half term we will be focusing on knowing the numbers to 20. We will explore different ways the numbers from 10 to 20 can be made and practise being able to add small numbers together.

We will also be learning about subtraction and solving subtraction problems.

#### **Expressive Arts:**

We will be creating lots of different models of transport using different materials and seeing if we can send them on journeys through water, air and on land.

In music we will learn about loud, quiet and silence (dynamics) as well as fast and slow (tempo). We will be exploring these ideas through activities based around the weather.

## Reading and Writing

The children will be encouraged to look at different books they are interested in and find out facts they can tell me.

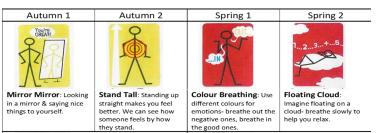
We will continue to have daily phonics sessions where we will be recapping the digraphs we have learnt and applying these in our reading and writing. The children will be asked to try a range of different writing activities such as:

- Making tickets for going on different journeys
- Making posters about being safe on the road, rail and sea.
- Designing a new aeroplane and writing sentences about what we have made.
- Sorting and labelling different types of transport.

And, of course, we will be continuing our daily Drawing Club lessons!

#### TRICK BOX

This term we will be recapping all the tricks we have learnt so far this year and talk about ways we can use them. Here is a reminder of the tricks Drew has taught us so far.



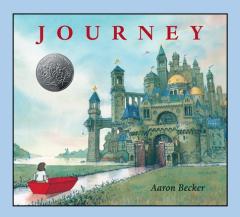


We will also learn one new trick- Win Win - which is all about compromise.

# <u>Understanding the World</u>

During this topic we will be learning about **Amelia Earhart**. She showed lots

of Courage when attempting to fly around the world on her own. We will look at a map of the world and learn about the names of different places. We will compare old and new transport and learn geographical terms when decsribing a journey or a place. We will also be thinking about lots of different types of transport and choosing the best transport for a journey.



# Physical Development

The children will continue to have P.E lessons on Mondays. We will be using hoops, quoits, bats and balls.

We will also to continue to strengthen the muscles in the children's arms, shoulders, backs, fingers and wrists through fun activities inside and out.

## Communication and Language

Through discussions in discovery time we will be encouraging children to:

- identify patterns, draw conclusions, explain effect, predict & speculate (The boat sank because the cardboard got wet. If we put more wheels on it might go faster. The plastic was better because it's waterproof.)
- Describe journeys and discuss our experiences of different forms of transport
- Respond to questions such as who, what, where, when, why and how
- We will develop our vocabulary by continuing to learn a list of key topic words each week, as well as learning new words during the 'Get up, stand up' part of each Drawing Club session.

#### Ways you can support your child at home

Share your child's shared reading book, e-book & tricky words with them at least 4 times a week.

Encourage your child to write anywhere and everywhere! Remember that it's still normal for their spelling to be phonetic, but they should be getting more confident with the correct spelling of the tricky words we've learned.

Practise finding numbers that make 10 (the children know these as number bonds).

Practise counting to 20 and sing songs to practise counting backwards from 10 (10 green bottles; zoom, zoom, zoom; 10 little monkeys).

## **Religious Education:**

This half term we will be looking at the concept of 'Special'.

We will learn about the concept of specialness in relation to places and clothes and then talk about the church as a special place for Christians.

We will remember that a cross is an important symbol for Christians and that Torah scrolls are important for Jewish people.



# Key Vocabulary for this half term

World, transport, London, England, flight, courage United Kingdom, Ocean, flight, past, history, geography, city, village, town, miles, conductor, pilot, aviator, navigator, mechanic, solo, Amelia Earhart, strength.



# Key knowledge to be taught this half term:

The church is a special place for Christians to worship.

We can travel on different types of transport. Some transport is used for going far and some is better for travelling short distances.

Polar regions are cold and icy. Deserts are dry and sandy. There is more sea than land on Earth.