

Earth Class - Term 2 Curriculum News!

ENGLISH – LITERACY

Reading – We are reading stories related to our topic (*The very hungry caterpillar travelling around the world* – adaptation).

Writing – We are learning to (over)write familiar words (e.g. bus, car, van). We are working on creating sentences by sequencing symbols or words (*colourful semantics*).

COMMUNICATION & LANGUAGE

Listening & Attention – We are attending our Attention Autism Sessions and Phonics Sessions (working on “s”, “a” and “t” letters and their sounds.) We are enjoying rhymes and joining in with actions or vocalisations.

Understanding – We are learning to follow instructions (e.g. *‘Find red big car’*).

Speaking – We are working on our individual speech & language targets. We are using our preferred means of communication (PECs symbols, Makaton signs and/ or words) to request for food, toys or activities in different contexts and to comment on objects and pictures. We are learning to answer to ‘who’, ‘what’, ‘where’, ‘why’ in simple questions (e.g. *‘Who’s that?’*, *‘What’s that?’*, *‘Where is the big boat?’*, *‘Why is the boy happy?’*).

SCHOOL TRIPS & EVENTS...

We are doing trips in our school. We are celebrating our friends’ birthdays, Bonfire night, Remembrance Day, Diwali, Children in Need, Hanukkah and Christmas.



Travel

Talking about vehicles, trips, and road safety

MATHS

Numbers – We are continuing to learn about numbers including counting, number formation, number recognition, solving number problems using addition and subtraction, all linked to our Travel topic! We are listening and joining in with number songs.

Shape, Space & Measure – We are also learning about shapes and measuring distances. Finally, we are learning about time.

HISTORY

We are learning about the history of travel and inventions over time!

GEOGRAPHY

We are learning about where we live and our place in the World. Also learning about different continents.

SCIENCE

We are learning about different materials and their properties. We also have regular Science experiments during our bucket sessions.

PE

Our current topic in PE is dance! Sessions are led by Dec, a Bristol Bears coach! We are also continuing to use the amazing outdoor gym! Some dances will be linked to cultures around the World!

We are also learning about different sports around the way, and will also have some Gymnastics sessions with a focus on ‘travelling’.

EXPRESSIVE ARTS & DESIGN

We are also using various building resources to design and create our own ‘vehicles’ e.g. Lego cars and cardboard trains.

We are also learning through play. The class love challenges using Lego or playdough!

GENERAL HOMEWORK IDEAS...

Check our “Earth class- The way I feel” Youtube playlist and encourage me to join in and copy the actions:

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLrymsaRsqVFE64MFe3qmoGeUpm5SCAcRr>

Read topic stories, e.g. *Little Blue Truck* by Jill McElmurry, *Naughty Bus* by Jan Oke, *Emma Jane’s Aeroplane* by Katie Haworth.

Check the activities we are doing in school on our Earth Class padlets and do them at home. Have fun!