



# Nursery Newsletter



Spring 2 2024

## Our topic this half term is: **Wheels**

## Why are wheels round?

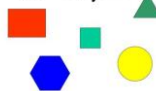
Children will listen to different stories about vehicles with wheels and they will retell some of the stories they hear. We will consider any rhyme and rhythm in the stories we listen to. We will talk about why people make journeys and about the children's personal experiences of the journeys they have made. We will work creatively thinking about wheels eg using paint, collage materials, pipe cleaners, printing materials, lollipop sticks and matchsticks. The children will be able to build their own vehicles using a variety of construction and junk materials. Children will use their vehicles and toy vehicles to test ramp gradients and surfaces, investigate distances travelled and friction. The children will make track patterns using different wheels or printing with objects such as cotton reels. We will learn about road safety and how to cross a road safely. We will take on roles such as drivers, passengers and ticket collectors.

### Maths

We will continue with our counting activities, 1:1 counting, representing numbers using fingers, marks on paper and pictures.

The children will be introduced to numerals 0 to 5 over the half term. We will be matching numeral and quantity - using shopping lists in role play, jigsaws and objects indoors and outdoors. The children will become more familiar with Numicon ordering, matching and even making vehicles. The children will play games to recognise and identify 2D and 3D shapes, using the vocabulary of shape (curved and straight sides/lines, faces, points, counting sides and corners) including feely bag games. We will continue to explore capacity and weight using sand and water. We will compare lengths and heights of vehicles and compare distances toy vehicles travel, including down a ramp.

2D shapes



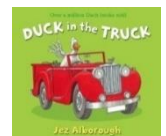
### Literacy

We will read a wide variety of stories about vehicles eg Mr Gumpy's Motor Car, Duck in a Truck, Magic Train Ride and the Naughty Bus. We will ask questions and encourage the children to retell the stories when confident.

We will revisit rhythm, rhyme and alliteration in songs, poems and stories.

Children will be encouraged to make marks to record their findings or understanding and develop their emergent writing, giving meaning to their marks as they draw and paint eg making tickets and maps. We will make Mother's Day cards and Easter cards.

We will also continue to practise name writing and encourage some children to use correct letter formation.



### Dates to remember...

- **World Book Day Thursday 7th March** – dress-up as a word eg sparkly, sleepy, fragile, ancient, celebration, energy etc.
- **Stay and Play sessions Wednesday 13th March** 8.45 to 9.30 am and 12.15 to 1.00 pm, this time has been changed due to parental requests – if you are unable to make this date please have a word with a member of the team thank you.
- **Wednesday 27th March** – the last day of the term.



### You can help by...

- Asking your child about the books we have been reading at school.
- Developing their recognition of rhyme and rhythm through songs, poems and stories.