



Broomhill First School



This half term's topic for the Little Owls is

All Aboard!

April - May 2018



Knowledge and Understanding of the World

Children will learn about lots of different ways of travelling and means of transport. They will get opportunities to share their own experiences of journeys they have been on as they talk to their friends during whole class activities. They will learn about the typical routines we need to do when travelling such as packing a suitcase and thinking about all the things they might need to take on a long journey. They will make a passport, buy tickets and learn about different places in the world. The children will also be challenged to use different materials to make their own boat and try to get it to float. We will also be looking at different objects to see whether they float or sink and we will record our findings. We will also be looking at different emergency vehicles and occupations.



Personal, Social and Emotional Development



Children will learn about road safety to help them

stay safe on their way into school and on journeys out of school. We will be promoting good relationships as we learn about what makes a good friend. Children will engage in lots of activities that require turn taking and sharing to help them work well together.

Communication, Language and Literacy

Children will access the topic through a range of exciting stories about journeys and transport. We will go on a bear hunt through swishy swashy grass and thick oozy mud! Children will develop their language as they repeat lines from different rhymes and stories.



They will then be able to use their own imaginations to make up journeys of their own around the setting and use exciting language to communicate it to their friends. There will be lots of opportunities for mark making as we look at the different marks and tracks that vehicles can make. We will also look at making marks using our gross motor skills both inside and outside.

Children will learn a new letter sound each week and look at objects that start with that sound. Children can also practise writing the letter. We will continue to do lots of work on recognising and writing our names.



Mathematics

Children will conduct surveys to see how their friends travel to school and we will start looking at different ways of representing numbers. They will count the number of wheels on vehicles and sort types of transport into groups. Children will look for shapes on vehicles and shapes in the environment when we go on our journeys. The children will also be introduced to positional language (up, down, through, around, next to, in front of, behind, under, above) as they describe a journey. We will also be working on recognising and writing our numbers.



Physical Development

Children will develop fine motor skills as they draw tracks and trails to promote pencil control. They will also manipulate tools as they make models of vehicles. They will develop large motor skills with access to the outdoor area and through PE sessions. They will explore different ways of travelling using their whole bodies. They will also travel around obstacle courses promoting climbing, crawling, running, jumping and balancing.



Creative Development

Role play areas will offer children lots of opportunities to be creative. They can fix their car at the garage outside or they can even catch a train!

We will be learning lots of songs about transport and journeys so children can be creative in making up their own actions. We will also explore fast and slow rhythms with musical instruments as we chug along on the train.



Spare Clothes & Wellies

Please make sure your child has a spare change of clothes in school on their peg at all times in case of any accidents. As we encourage activities outside and all weathers, it would be great if your child had a pair of wellies in school too. Hopefully we will have some nice weather so please bring sun hats in.

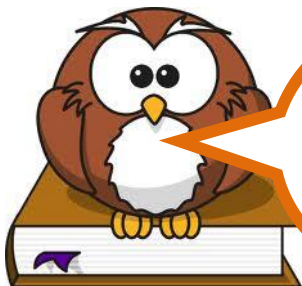


Things to help your child

Talking - Discuss the journeys you have been on together. Where did you go? How did you get there? Did it take a long time? What or who did you see?

Out and About - Look for vehicles in all shapes and sizes. What are they called? What are they used for? Count the number of wheels.

Sounds - Ask your child about the "Sound of the Week" or look at our Sounds Table in the classroom to see which sound we are learning. Do you have anything at home that starts with our 'Sound of the Week'?



Please help your child to choose a library book from the box in nursery. Take a new book home to share and read together.



If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to come and see us. We all look forward to a good start to a new term in the Little Owls. We would also like to thank you for all the help and support you continue to give us. Thank you very much for reading our information letter.

Mrs Chandler and Mrs Brindle

