



## January 2024

Dear Parents,

Wishing everyone a very happy new year and welcome to the January's newsletter!

We are starting of the new year with an exciting new topic which is 'on the move'. We will be talking about different modes of transport, different ways we can move our bodies and wider vocabulary surrounding this topic. If you would like to discuss this topic at home that would be brilliant, maybe some discussion about how the children get to school? Do they walk, come in the car or get to school by bus? Do the children know the name of their road?



The children are continuing to be interested in vehicles in the construction area and they have developed this interest by creating racetracks, ramps and even recreating Mario Kart complete with mushrooms and Princess Peach.

Outside the children are still enjoying building up their confidence and their gross motor skills on the bikes, scooters and balance bikes. We will continue to encourage this alongside the children being encouraged to be as active as possible outside. We'll incorporate conversations around keeping healthy by moving our bodies, eating a balanced diet, sleeping enough and staying hydrated.



Some of the lovely books that we are going to be sharing during this topic include, 'Duck in a Truck', 'Little Red Riding Hood' and 'Whatever Next' alongside some fantastic non-fiction books around transport and the human body.



The children have also been really interested in the weather and the way the cold effects our environment. They are fascinated by the ice that forms around the playground after a cold night and by the icicles that hang from the roof.



### Stay and play!

We are carrying on with our 'Stay and Plays' into the New Year. So, we are advising those who would like to attend to wrap up warm as we know we are in for some chilly rainy days ahead! We are going to end the sessions with stories and songs in the classroom. With warm drinks and biscuits provided as always!

### Upcoming events

Friday the 26<sup>th</sup> of January – Pre-school stay and play.

Friday the 9<sup>th</sup> of February – School closes for the February half term holiday.