

Nursery Newsletter 10.02.23

Our Week

We have had a lovely week in Nursery. We finalised our topic 'Transport' with our last focus on buses. We read the story 'The Naughty Bus', and in order to spark the children's curiosity, we set up a crime scene in the classroom. The children had to investigate who they thought had left a mess in the class and they brainstormed many ideas as to who the culprit could be.

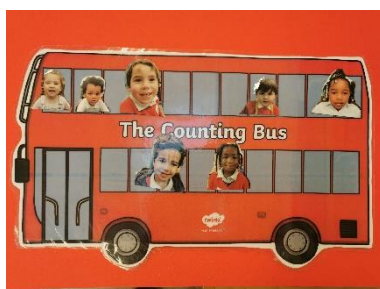
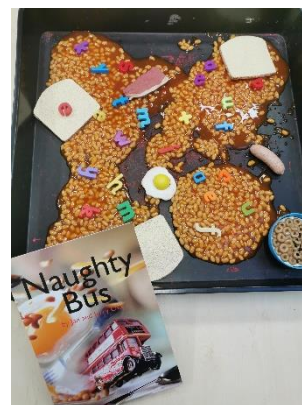
Eventually we discovered that it was 'The Naughty Bus' who broke into the classroom!

We then carried out many activities around this including making buses and singing our song of the week 'A Big Red Bus' which the children enjoyed singing and joining in with the actions.

To finalise our topic, Nursery enjoyed going on a trip on the train.

The children had a great time and enjoyed using the binoculars they made to go sight-seeing.

It has been a wonderful week in Nursery..





Things to remember...

Dates for your diary

- **Tutorial Day (School closed):** Friday 10th February 2023
- **Half Term:** Monday 13th February 2023 - Friday 17th February 2023
- **Early Years Celebration Day:** Wednesday 1st March 2023

New Topic - Growth

Next half-term we will be starting our new topic 'Growth' where we will be looking at changes within ourselves and plants. To immerse the children into the topic, we ask that you email the school office a baby picture of your child, so that we can use these to discuss the changes and differences the children can see within themselves. Please email the school office by **Monday 20th February 2023**.

Book Changes

There are some slight changes to the days we read and change books with the children. Ladybird Class will continue to change books on a Wednesday and Butterfly Class will now change books on a Tuesday. This change is due to the fact that we would like to utilise the use of an empty quiet classroom.

Transport songs

This half-term we have been learning about 'Transport' and we have sung lots of songs surrounding this topic. Below is a list of songs that we have been singing, enjoy singing them at home with your child.

We All Go Travelling By: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cSw50JwOH34>

Magic Train Ride: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8eSxrPzoZY0>

Big Red Bus: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ks-M4Ns6Q6A>

Core Books

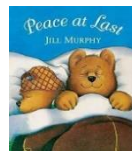
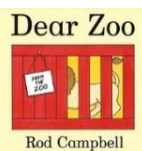
In order to support our emergent readers in Nursery we use a core book scheme.

Nursery will have four core books that will be read throughout the year on a regular basis so that the children are able to retell the story themselves, even though they will not be able to read the words. This builds the children's confidence in reading and allows them to see themselves as a reader. It also supports their storytelling, speaking and their understanding.

There will be numerous copies of these core books in the setting, along with the rest of the high-quality texts on offer, and there will be opportunities for the children to take it in turns to take a copy home with them. If you have access to a library or are able to visit a bookshop/ 2nd hand book shop, such as Oxfam on Half Moon Lane, it is also a nice idea to have these books at home to expose your child to these books further. The core books have been chosen to reflect the children's interests, develop specific skills and support our focus on diversity and challenging stereotypes.

The core books chosen for Nursery:

- *Oi Frog* by Kes Gray & Jim Field
- *Dear Zoo* by Rod Campbell
- *Peace at Last* by Jill Murphy
- *We're Going to Find a Monster* by Malorie Blackman & Dapo Adeola



Many thanks,

The Nursery Team

Ladybird - Emma Rose, Jodie Speer and Usha Goomany

Butterfly - Anastasia Owusu, Gina Collingridge and Jeanette Gayle

Jaci Doherty working throughout both classrooms

