



## Reception Newsletter

Spring 1, January 2019



Happy new year! We hope you all had a lovely Christmas break and had some well-earned rest. We are looking forward to a busy and happy term after the holidays. We have put together some useful information for the forthcoming term. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to ask one of the Reception team.

Our topic this term is:

### 'On the Move!'

We will be learning about different types of transport. We will be reading *The Train Ride*, *Mrs Armitage on Wheels*, *The Naughty Bus*, and *Whatever Next*. As part of the topic we will be walking down to Saltaire train station and going on a train ride and we will also be visiting the park and canal to look at the barges.

### Parent Volunteers

If any parents could spare any time to come in and help read or with other projects, please let us know. Your help is always appreciated.

### Communication

Should you have any queries or suggestions, please let us know. We are available at the beginning and end of each day or for a longer conversation we will always arrange a time to talk. If you prefer, contact us by email

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As you know Mrs Abbott has been appointed Assistant Headteacher. To enable her new responsibilities she will be out of class on a Wednesday afternoon. We are delighted that Mrs Kent will be teaching in RA on Wednesday afternoons to provide consistency and a friendly face for the children.

### Important Dates:

15<sup>th</sup> January am- train ride  
trip to Keighley

1<sup>st</sup> February- FOSPS Disco

We will be sending out further  
information about these events.  
Please look out for emails



### Early Years Project

We would like to let you know that we are currently involved in an exciting Early Years Project involving many schools in Bradford. The aim of the project is to improve outcomes for children in Early Years speech language and communication. The project will last 2 years and involves lots of opportunities for staff professional development and ultimately even better experiences for children. Parents will also be asked to get involved in different ways so please watch this space...



### Reading Books

We are continuing to introduce new letter sounds and ask you to keep up the good work practising them at home and applying them when sharing reading or library books – the children are making fantastic progress!

Library books will be changed on Fridays so please make sure book bags are in school on this day as we cannot send a new book without the old one being returned.

Please remember to make a short comment in your child's reading journal once they have read their book or practised their tricky words. It all counts towards gaining their star reader stickers on a Friday and lets us know how your child is progressing with reading at home. If your child is a star reader please put their reading journal in the class tray in the morning.

### A ride on the train!

The first story we will be reading is *The Train Ride*. To support this we will be taking the children on a short train ride to Keighley station. We have booked this for the 15th January. Please make sure your child wears sensible footwear and a warm coat.

### Clothing

It would be helpful if your child kept a spare set of clothes on their cloakroom peg in a pump bag or tote bag (not plastic) in case of any accidents or getting too wet in the wet and paint areas.

Please can you make sure that all items of clothing, coats, hats, scarves, gloves etc. are clearly named. Lost items can be found and returned so much easier when the name is clearly visible.

### Wow Moments

These are an opportunity to share your children's achievements at home with your child's class teacher that we might otherwise not hear about. For example, if your child receives a swimming badge, this could be shared with school. These contribute to your child's 'learning journey' that is kept at school. You can write these down on a piece of paper and put them in the class trays or email them directly to us.

### Junk Modelling

Please save old boxes e.g. toothpaste, kitchen rolls, chocolate boxes, big boxes, etc and give them to your child's class teacher for small and large junk modelling.

### Class Trays

Please remember to place any important information into the class trays in the morning. This should include letters to the teachers, responses to letters, reading books on your child's day and any Tricky Words your child may need changing.

### Sustrans Bike Project

We will be teaching the Reception children how to ride a 2 wheeled bike. This will initially be on balance bikes. If the children make good progress and are confident they will move on to using pedal bikes. If there are any parents that would like to be involved in this, please let us know.

### Outdoor Resources

We are developing our resources for lunchtime. If, after Christmas you are making room for new toys, we would give a good home to any toys or books still in good condition.

