



Welcome to The Winns Reception



Spring 1



This half term the children will be learning about different types of transportation and exploring road safety. We will finish the half term by learning about Space. Within these topics we will be extending our vocabulary and understanding. By having an in-depth look at words that are associated with the topics. We are continuing our focus this half term on **Communication and language**. We are helping build language by working with the children to retell familiar stories in their own words and create and imagine their own original stories.



To develop the children's **understanding of the world** this half term we will be exploring road safety. We will do this by going for a small walk around the local area to practise and discuss how to safely cross the road. We will share stories and rhymes which will foster their understanding of a socially diverse world. We will be discussing different modes of transportation including environmentally friendly ways to travel. When delving into the topic of space, we will discuss the similarities and differences between Earth and other planets. We will look at space travel and technology.



We are very excited because we have started a new **Maths** Programme this term entitled "Mastering Number". This focuses on helping the children understanding the composition, cardinality and comparison of number. We have introduced the concept of subitising. This when we show children an amount of objects up to five and have them use their "fast eyes" to quickly identify the amount. For this we use the phrase "Don't count, see the amount!" We will be continuing on work on understanding "more than", "fewer than" and "equal number" when comparing groups of objects.



To develop the children's **Physical** development we have been working on using correct pencil grip and letter formation when writing. Please encourage this when writing at home with your child. When writing simple words at school we use the strategy of "Fred Fingers". Children do this by breaking down the correct number of sounds on each of their fingers. They pinch each finger as they say the sound. This is a strategy we would encourage you to utilize at home as well. We have a physical afternoon on Thursdays where children are encouraged to join in a range of activities such as yoga, balancing, climbing and jumping safely, using javelins and ball skills.

To develop our **literacy** skills we are continuing to follow the Read Write Inc programme. We have been introducing new sounds, consolidating sounds, blending and segmenting words and reading simple sentences. We have been sending home phonetically decodable books each Monday. These books are to compliment and support the learning we are doing in our Read Write Inc groups. Please read the book regularly and encourage them to use their phonetic knowledge to sound out each word.

In Reception we will continue to focus on the children's **personal social and emotional** skills. We have introduced the 'Zones of Self-Regulation'. The zones reflect different emotions. We have a display in the classroom where children are encouraged to consider how they are feeling and put their name in the relevant zone. We will discuss strategies to help cope with different emotions.

Library visits

Children have been enjoying their weekly library visits. During these visits the children have been able to independently select two books that contain rich language to help develop their vocabulary. These books are to be shared and enjoyed at home and we encourage discussion and questioning about the book. **Please remember to return these books each Monday so that the books can be changed.**



As part of our **Art & Design** learning children will be using a range of materials in original ways. We will be using recyclable materials to make different vehicles and machinery. Children will perform songs and rhymes with each other and try to move in time with music. **Please donate any recyclable materials that you have at home such as; kitchen roll tubes, empty food boxes, etc.**

Important Dates

The team

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