



SOUTH BOROUGH PRIMARY SCHOOL

Early Years Learning Newsletter - Term 3

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The **BIG** question...

How can I change the world?



Welcome - Happy New Year!

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a pleasure getting ready to celebrate the holidays with the children, and we hope they have a lovely restful break before the start of the next term!

We are watching them grow into fantastic individuals who show real care and consideration for each other, and can not wait to join back together again in January 2022.

Literacy

This term we will continue with our phonic sounds, moving onto digraphs and trigraphs to help develop children's reading and writing ability. We will also continue reading a range of stories in class with a specific focus on how we as individuals can change the world, and how we have an effect on the planet. We will be encouraging discussions about ourselves and an awareness about the world around us.

Mathematics

This term we will be looking at 3D shapes, ordinal numbers (first, second, third..), simple addition (one and one more..) and compositions of four and five. We will be using a range of resources such as construction and numicon to encourage children to explore numbers in play. We will also investigate mass and capacity, conducting investigations associated with 'heavy' and 'light' objects.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

This term we will continue to discuss our worries and model to the children how to use our 'worry boxes'. As we are discussing how we have an impact on the world, we will consider how our actions affect others, and remember to watch out for our friends, thinking about how we can support and care for each other at school.

Understanding the World

This term we will be celebrating 'Chinese New Year'.

We will be learning about vehicles and different types of transport that we can take, and how these affect the environment in positive and negative ways.



2022 - Year of the Tiger

Expressive Art and Design

The children will be using a range of resources, media and materials to construct their own types of transport, helping to design ones that are better for our planet.

We will also be looking at Chinese New Year, using art, dance and music to express ourselves.



Communication and Language

We will be continuing to work on our key questions; (**Who? What? Where? Why? When? How?**) in response to our stories and learning topics.

This term we will further expand our vocabulary as we look at transport and vehicles, as well as introducing more complex instructions for the children to develop their skills in listening and understanding.



Physical Development

This term, the children will focus on practising travelling in different ways and directions, using different body parts to support us. We will also be working on our balance (controlling our movements) as well as developing our skills in moving confidently and safely in our own space.



Jigsaw

Children will continue to learn about:

- Understanding how it feels to belong and that we are similar and different;
- Starting to recognise and manage their feelings;
- Working with others to make our school a good place to be;
- Why it is good to be kind and use gentle hands;
- We all have a right to learn and play;
- Being responsible.

Speaking and Listening (talking points for you and your child at home)

Using the texts below please use the following ideas to promote discussions with your child at home:

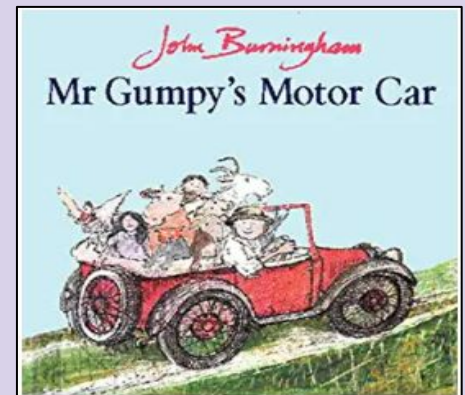
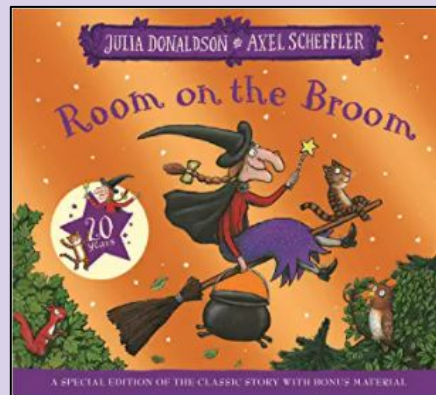
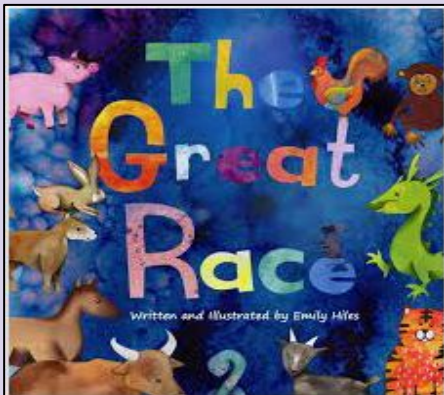
Who am I? Who are my family, loved ones? Who are the people who look after me? What am I good at? What are my likes and dislikes? Do you have a special talent?

We also encourage you to discuss the children's activities at school. Ask "What went well today at school?" or "What good thing happened at school today?". We would also ask that parents and carers continue some learning with skills such as sorting, discussion, listening or matching.

Recommended Reading for this term

Please find below our reading for this term, including YouTube links to video readings:

- (Transport on water) [The Great Race Zodiac](#) - British Council.
- (Transport in the air) [Room on a Broom](#) - Julia Donaldson.
- (Transport on land) [Mr Gumpy's Motor Car](#) - John Burningham.



Reminders and Important Dates

- Please remember to label/name all of your child's belongings (including P.E Kits)
- Please remember to queue when dropping off and collection your child at the gate.
- Please remember to bring in fresh drinking water every day in a labelled water bottle.

Home Learning

