

In Expressive Arts and Design much of our Art work will be around the stories we are reading. They will be taking part in Art sessions and this term the focus is on 3D sculpture. In Music lessons we are mainly focusing on different speeds (tempo) in the music that we compose ourselves. and all this will be based on the topic of Transport!

What can you do? Encourage your child to dance, sing and make music, to get the craft kits out and keep practicing with scissors! Encourage curiosity and imaginative play.



Physical Development This term the children will be exploring gymnastics on a Thursday afternoon and fundamentals on a Monday. Through the use of our outdoor environment, and our daily sensory circuit sessions, we continue to work a lot on balance, agility and co-ordination as this remains an issue for some. What can you

do? Programmes such as Cosmic Yoga on Youtube are great for developing core strength and the children love it! Encourage running races, using a timer to see how fast they can run around the garden or park. Practise hopping, skipping and jumping races too.



In Personal, Social and Emotional Development we will be focusing on friendship, what makes a good friend and how to make friends. Part of the focus will be on problem solving when friendships struggle and how to help themselves when they are upset.

What can you do? Encourage your child to talk to you about their friendships, encourage them to solve problems through helping them develop strategies to help themselves.



### Summer Term 1- Tadpole Class Ticket to ride!

Understanding the World. Life in Tadpole class is very much centered around being outside and this term is no exception. We will be continuing to look for signs of change in the great outdoors. We hope to go for another walk in Calne now the weather is improving too. Our topic based around transport will enable us to look at transport all around the world, the history of cars and planes too. What can you do? Encourage your child to try different modes of transport i.e. buses, trains, scooters, bikes, skates. Make your own maps and follow them around the home and local area.



Literacy This term we are using texts that focus on Transport and journeys. We begin with Mr Gumpy's outing, followed by Oi, get off our Train and then a Tom and Jerry animation. Focus will be on the joy of writing and reading and encouraging that all important imagination and curiosity in stories. What can you do? Continue to read daily! Making sure your child understands their book by asking them questions. Ask them what they think a character is thinking, or why a story is set in a particular place. The focus remains with encouraging your child to ask questions and not just make statements.



Communication and Language All year we have talked about how the development of spoken language underpins all of the areas of learning and how it is so important that the children learn how to communicate well. Expectations continue to be high in this area and the children are encouraged to talk in pairs and small groups and are introduced to, and encouraged to use, more complex language all of the time. What can you do? Most importantly read, read, read!! Chat with your child at meal-times and whilst you are walking along, show them you are interested in what they are saying by asking them questions and responding to their thoughts. This enables them to hear the spoken word and show how to speak clearly and audibly.



In Maths we will be looking at counting things carefully, using what we know about number to help us. We will be sorting things into groups and talking about what we are noticing. In addition we will be looking at weight, height and length as our sunflowers (hopefully) grow! What can you do? Number and maths generally are everywhere. There are many games you can play but look for games that encourage careful counting and recognising numbers to 20. Orchard toys do some fantastic ones!

