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Dear Parents/carers,
We hope you had an enjoyable Easter break.

Year: Nursery

Term: Summer Term 1

Themes: Transport and Journeys

Key Books: Wheels, Wings and Other Things, The Train Ride, Whatever Next

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

What will we be doing?

- Talking with confidence about where we live and journeys and visits we have made.
- Sharing and taking turns in ball games, bingo games and team work activities.
- Learning about Road Safety and practising these safety procedures in our outdoor area.



Expressive Arts and Design

What will we be doing?

- Playing instruments, tapping out different rhythms and exploring how sound can be changed.
- Working collaboratively with our friends to build and construct giant buses, cars, boats and trains with crates, planks and wheels in the outdoor area.
- Joining in imaginative role play in the garage, home corner and rocket and space den.

Communication and Language

What will we be doing?

- Listening and following directions in food preparation activities and creative tasks.
- Understanding and asking 'how' and 'why' questions in investigations. e.g How can I make my boat float? How can I make my car go down the ramp faster? How can I make my model? Why is it not working?
- Using talk to connect ideas and explain what has happened, or predicting what might happen.

Literacy

What will we be doing?

- Learning to write our names and letters from the alphabet with the correct formation.
- Learning the sounds of letters and using them to read, write and spell simple words.
- Reading transport books and writing our own captions and sentences about our own transport pictures.
- Retelling stories in the right order and drawing maps to show story events.



Physical Development

What will we be doing?

- Using one handed tools and equipment such as scissors and staplers to construct models.
- Copying letters and words to write labels and captions.
- Throwing and catching balls, beanbags and quoits with our friends.



Maths

What will we be doing?

- Recognising numerals and count objects carefully giving one number for each object. We will count traffic for our traffic survey.
- Adding and taking away using cars, buses and people.
- Naming flat and solid shapes and using them to make transport pictures and models.

Understanding the World

What will we be doing?

- Developing interest in different occupations such as those working for emergency services, astronauts and pilots.
- Learning about Manor Park, where we live, commenting and asking questions about different locations.

Places to Visit

Air Line Cable Car: Greenwich

Enjoy regal views of London in the Emirates Airline cable cars, (27 Western Gateway, London E16 1FA) flying at up to 90 metres above the Thames! The journey is less than ten minutes so perfect for even the smallest sightseer.

How can you help your child?

Talk about journeys:

Within this terms theme 'Transport and Journeys' it is not about where you are going but more the preparing for your trip and the journey you take together. Encourage your child to talk about and plan an outing. Where shall we go? What will we need to take? How will we get there? What can we see out of the car/bus/train window?

Look out for numbers:

Help your child to find and recognise numbers as they travel around. Look out for numbers on buses, timetables, car registrations and around the shops.

Websites

What to Expect when: A Parent's Guide to Early Years Foundation Stage.

http://www.foundationyears.org.uk/files/2015/03/4Children_ParentsGuide_2015_WEB.pdf

All parents were given a copy of the relevant age bands, at Parents Evening. If you would like to see this document online then you can see the Early Learning Goals that your children are working towards. The document gives parents simple ways to support children to reach the goals in different age bands.

Healthy Eating

Change 4 Life: Be food smart! Website and mobile app.

<https://www.nhs.uk/change4life-beta/be-food-smart>

This is the new NHS campaign to improve our children's diets. Login to their website to get great tips, apps, recipes and more to help your family reduce their intake of sugar, saturated fats and salt. The website shows that small changes can have a great impact on your child's health, behaviour, concentration and teeth.

Last Notes

We are always grateful for donations of: magazines, boxes, bottles, cardboard tubes and cartons for junk modelling.

We are in need of 4 pint plastic milk containers like those in the picture.

This is for a creative project next term. Please donate any clean containers to nursery staff.



Dates for your diary:

- ❖ **School Closed Bank Holiday:** Monday 1st May
- ❖ **Friday 26th May** – Last day of term.
- ❖ **Monday 29th to Friday 2nd June** – SCHOOL CLOSED - Half term Holiday.
- ❖ **Nursery Visit to Colchester Zoo** - Friday 7th July.

Please do not hesitate to speak to any of the staff in our nursery about your child's development and well-being. .

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