

29<sup>th</sup> November 2021

Dear Parents,

Our transport theme is based around train journeys this week. Do talk to your child about any train journeys you have made before and read them any train stories that you may have at home. We will be reading several train stories in school and would welcome the children to bring in any that they may have at home. At the end of the week, we will make a class version of 'The Train Ride' story.

In phonics this week we will be reviewing all of the sounds taught so far and assessing the children's progress. Please continue to read every day and practise the sounds and words we have sent out so far. By this stage the children should be gaining confidence at reading the phonemes s a t p i n g o c k c k e u d r. The harder to read and spell words they should practise reading by sight- not using phonics - are listed on the back on this letter.

In maths this week we will begin to explore composition by focusing on the concept of 'wholes' and 'parts'. By investigating familiar toys they will begin to understand that whole things are often made up of smaller parts and that a whole is, therefore, bigger than its parts.

We are spending lots of time working on being kind and gentle at school and exploring how words as well as actions can make people feel upset. We talked about what respect means as part of our whole school assembly theme and Rother class came up with some great ideas. Saying please and thank you, listening to and being kind to our friends and looking after our toys is what they felt it means to show respect. It would be great if you could continue to explore this theme at home and always encourage your child to speak to a teacher if someone is unkind to them.

As you are aware the classroom is well ventilated meaning that it is rather cold! Remember to layer children up as they don't always want to wear a coat and do provide a hat and gloves if they are happy wearing them.

Thank you for your support,

Claudine Clarke and Megan Tonkyn

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