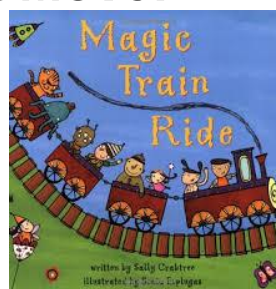




Howden Church Of England Infant School
Foundation Stage Two
Spring 1 2021

This term we are learning about ...

Things That Move!



The foundation stage framework is a unique curriculum where children are encouraged to explore the world around them through active learning and play based experiences both indoors and outdoors.

If your child comes home and says they have been “just playing” you know that they have been having fun and learning.

The curriculum has three prime areas (Personal, Social and Emotional Development, Physical Development and Communication and Language) and four specific areas (Mathematics, Literacy, Understanding the World and Expressive Arts and Design)

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

This term we will be reminding children about our school Golden Rules. During circle time, we will be using stories to remind the children about making good behaviour choices for themselves and to think about what makes a kind friend.

Independent challenge

Can you remember the Golden Rules?

Can you do something to help at home?

Communication and Language

This term we want the children to confidently retell special events in their lives e.g. Christmas by sharing their Christmas holiday news using the past tense correctly e.g. I went to... We will encourage the children to take turns and listen to others.

Independent challenges

Can you retell a special event in the right order?

Can you listen to your friends speaking?

Physical Development

This term in PE we will be thinking about moving in different ways, using equipment and dancing to music.

Your child will need to have a named PE kit including a pair of navy shorts, white t-shirt, pumps or trainers and a pair of jogging bottoms. We will be learning letter families and practising letter formation and we will also continue to form numbers correctly.

Independent challenges

Can you dress and undress independently?

Can you write your name with correct letter formation?

Literacy



As our phonics sessions continue we will be improving our reading and writing skills by practising blending and segmenting. We will be recording letters to write simple words and phrases. We will be reading and talking about stories and poems in groups related to our topic. This term we will be looking at stories written by Giles Andreae. We will be using 'The Magic Train Ride' story as a stimulus for role play extended play.

Independent challenges

Can you write the sounds we have done in phonics?

Can you read the tricky words?

Can you blend and segment?



Mathematics

In mathematics we will continue to use tens frames to subitize quantities to 10 without the need to count and match numeral to quantity. We will practise writing numbers with correct formation and learn the number formation rhymes. The children will be working on activities to find 1 more or 1 less than a number. We will be practically adding objects together and counting to find the total. We will be looking at 3D shapes as well as problem-solving, to build vehicles; and we will begin to learn about time and money.

Independent challenges?

Can you notice 3D shapes in the environment?

Can you recite the days of the week?



We're taking part in...



Understanding the World

As the term progresses we will be looking for signs of winter approaching. We will celebrate special times such as our holidays. We will talk about people who help us in and out of school. We will be taking part in the RSPB Schools' Bird Watch outdoors during January. The children will take part in activities to learn about the Chinese New Year.

Independent challenges

Can you talk about signs of winter?

Can you talk about special times that other people celebrate?



Expressive Arts and Design

We will be using the story of 'The magic train ride' as a stimulus for art and craft activities. The children will explore joining paper when making Chinese lanterns to attach a handle. We will also be joining in with lots of songs and use our imagination to play shops and count pennies.

Independent challenges

Which birds can you see in your garden?

Can you photograph them? (and share with us in school)

Can you paint a 'land' from 'The Magic Train Ride'?

Parent Partnership

Thank you to all the parents who are working hard to support your children's learning at home!

You are doing a great job and we really appreciate seeing all of the great activities!

Thank you

Mrs McCarthy and Miss Luckins

