

Golden Thread: Journeys

Expedition: 'How do we travel on our journey?'

Humanities

Pupils will:

- Talk about journeys they go on
- Experience travelling on different vehicles
- Compare vehicles and talk about similarities and differences
- Use maps and make their own maps of the school and local area
- Focus on the school values of love and compassion
- Learn about the creation of the world, listening to stories from the Bible
- Learn about Easter and why it is important to Christians

Expressive Arts

Pupils will:

- Take part in regular dance sessions
- Develop an understanding of rhythm and beat through music and dance
- Explore colour, shape and line
- Explore pop art by Romero Britto
- Create their own piece of pop art inspired work

Health and Wellbeing

Pupils will:

- Take part in regular PE sessions
- Use small and large equipment to develop coordination, balance, and fine and gross motor skills
- Discuss how we stay safe on the road
- Work as a team, developing listening and cooperative skills

Science and Technology

Pupils will:

- Deconstruct vehicles to find out how they work
- Create vehicle designs
- Work collaboratively to build a class vehicle
- Explore properties of materials and decide on the most appropriate materials to use for their vehicle
- Understand the importance of internet safety
- Use e-mail to send messages
- Make a video call

Languages, Literacy and Communication

Pupils will:

- Daily phonics sessions – letter and sound recognition and formation
 - Develop story telling skills for the story 'Whatever Next'
 - Create story maps and use these to write parts of a story
 - Write an explanation text about the Cardiff Bay boat
 - Listen, perform and write poems, including shape poems
- Welsh language development**
- Take part in daily 'Helpwr Heddiw' sessions, talking about likes and dislikes and relating this to transport
 - Perform songs and poems for our school Eisteddfod

Maths and Numeracy

Pupils will:

- Count forwards and backwards and in steps of 2, 5 and 10
- Find number bonds
- Recall doubles and halves
- Practise number formation
- Use different methods to partition numbers
- Use a range of strategies to solve addition and subtraction problems
- Create tally charts and pictograms to show how we travel to school
- Carry out a traffic survey



Dosbarth Willow Important Information



Welcome back to Dosbarth Willow. The children have already settled well into the Spring Term and have made a fantastic start to this term's topic 'How do we travel on our journey?'. The topic web will show you some of the skills we will be covering this term.

Just a few reminders:

Reading – Reading books will need to be brought to school on a Monday and books will be changed overnight and be sent home on a Tuesday. As your child progresses we will also send home key word cards. Please read/practise these flash cards at home with your child regularly – little and often is key!

Spellings – As the children progress through the phonics scheme we will begin to send home spellings. These are set according to their phonics group and the sounds they have been learning that week. A list will go home on a Friday and spellings will be tested the following Thursday. Please help your child to practise their spellings regularly at home. There is no need to return any work or lists to school.

Book bags – Please ensure your child brings a book bag to school every day as this makes transporting items/pieces of paper etc. much easier for them and helps to develop independence.

Welly Wednesday – Weekly Welly Wednesday sessions will continue this term. These take place whatever the weather so please ensure your child has appropriate clothing in school every Wednesday (wellington boots, a waterproof coat and waterproof trousers if you have them). You are more than welcome to leave a pair of wellies in school.

Uniform – Please support your child by encouraging them to be independent when putting on and taking off jumpers, coats and shoes. Children should be prepared for PE at all times, which means trainers should be worn daily. All items of clothing must also be labelled. Please ensure your child has a coat with them every day.

We look forward to an exciting Spring term. If you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact us.

Many thanks for your support,
Mrs Morris and Mrs Taylor-Gibbs