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Reception Newsletter **8th January 2023**

Dear Reception Families,

Happy New Year!

We hope you had an enjoyable and restful Christmas break with your loved ones. We had a lovely couple of days back at school last week and heard all about the wonderful activities the children got up to during the break.

Thank you

On behalf of the whole Reception staff team, we would like to take this opportunity to say thank you for all the wonderful gifts, cards and messages we received before the holidays. We really appreciate your kind generosity.

Home Reading

Reading books will be sent home this week.

Learning

Our topic this half term is Travel and Transport. Thank you for all the donations so far of toys and books related to this topic.

Photos

We would like to create a Reception display linked to our new topic. If you are happy for your child's photo to be displayed on the classroom wall please email us a photo of them on some form of transport; bus, plane, train, car, boat etc. Photos can be emailed to the school office address info.saxon@lumenlearningtrust.co.uk with the class name included in the subject box. Thank you.

Communication, Language & Literacy:

Last week in class we talked about emotions and read the book *The Colour Monster* which explores feelings and colours in a fun, gentle way. We also discussed strategies to help regulate our emotions when we are experiencing negative feelings such as anger or sadness.

This week:

- We will share the story 'Naughty Bus' and talk about the story.
- We will make predictions about what might happen next in a story.
- We will continue to practise sounding out CVC, CVCC and CCVC words when reading and writing.

Maths:

- We are continuing to count forwards and backwards to/from 20
- We are learning to find the number 'one more' than another number to 10, then 20.



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Other Areas of Learning:

- PSHE: Dreams and goals - Discussing and exploring perseverance
- Understanding the World: Exploring local transport modes and sharing how we travel to school every day.
- Arts: Making a bus using junk modelling materials
- P.E: Exploring safe moving and balancing in the hall

Notices/Reminders:

-We would really like to develop our writing provision in the free learning area and give children more opportunities to practise their writing outside. If anyone has a spare easel or chalkboard they are able to donate (or knows anyone that does) we would really appreciate it and will put it to good use!

-Thank you for encouraging the children to practise writing their names independently over the break. We have seen such an improvement and the children have been so proud! Please keep up the practise and remind children to use a capital letter at the beginning only.

Please do not hesitate to email or call the school if you have any questions.

Kind Regards,

Mrs Morley, Miss Glaves and Mrs Bright