



Reception Newsletter Spring 2!



The children have worked incredibly hard this half term and have taken part in so much wonderful learning. We are very proud of their positive attitudes, enthusiasm and effort in everything they do. This half term our enquiry question has been **“How does it move?”** We have explored how our own bodies move and how different types of transport move too. We learned about cars, boats, trains and aeroplanes, and talked about what makes them go.

We went on a Metro to Newcastle to see how trains move in real life. It was a very exciting, hands-on experience for everyone. At the Discovery Museum, we learned how transport has changed over the years and saw *Mr Grumpy’s Motor Car*. We also took part in a transport workshop where the children explored and built their own ideas.



Reading for Pleasure

We continue to have a strong focus on reading and sharing our love of books. Some of the stories we have enjoyed this half term include *The Train Ride*, *Mr Gumpy’s Outing*, *Pigs Might Fly*, *From Head to Toe* and *The Hare and the Tortoise*. We love reading a new book each week, retelling the stories in our own words and acting them out in our play. Reading together is one of our favourite parts of the day, and we are so proud of the children’s growing confidence and enthusiasm for books.

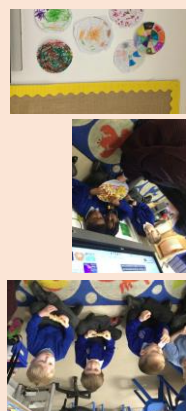
“train was fast! I saw horses out the window!” Calvin
“I liked it on the Metro. It made a funny noise when it stopped!” Eduvie



During our Mental Health Focus Week, we thought about school as a safe harbour in stormy seas. We talked about how the teachers are like lighthouses, helping to guide us and keep us safe. Linking to this theme, we learned about how boats move and designed and made our own boats. It was wonderful to welcome parents into school for a special sea and boats workshop.

“School keeps me safe. The teachers help me.” Hallie

To end Mental Health Week, we celebrated Nirvana Day together. The children enjoyed quiet meditation, gentle massage and time to relax. We also tasted different foods from the culture and learned about why this day is special. It was a calm and thoughtful way to finish a very meaningful week.



School breaks up on **Thursday 2nd April** and reopens for children on **Monday 20th April**.

Dates for the diary

Monday 4th May – Early May Bank Holiday