



NORTH MUNDHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you all had a good half term break and managed to get outside when the wind and rain stopped on the odd occasion!

New Topic

Our new topic is '**Are We There Yet?**'

Are you ready for an adventure? Where in the world could we go? How could we travel there? It's time to discover transport, travel and places near and far!

This half term, we'll go on a fantastic journey along Chichester canal, we will travel by boat and by coach, as well as some of us going by car on the way with our parents. After taking all these forms of transport we will be taking photographs as we go. Back in the classroom, we'll put our photographs in chronological order and add captions. Thinking about the transport we've taken to go on holiday, we'll use maps to consider where we'd like to visit next. What should we pack? We'll draw and write about imaginary journeys and make predictions about how many vehicles we will find around school.

As part of our music work, we'll accompany stories and songs about transport with music and movement. How far can inflated balloons travel? We'll play with them to find out.

In our science lessons, we'll learn about floating and sinking by building miniature boats, and find out about friction by rolling cars down ramps. We'll also talk about road safety, learn about high-visibility clothing and design an incredible imaginary vehicle using a computer program. At the end of the project, we'll invite you to take part in a travel and transport activity morning.



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We'll display our super vehicles, answer questions about them, and create passports to document our travels.

Help your child prepare for their project

Transport is terrific! Why not explore your local area and take photos of exciting vehicles? You could also keep a tally of the different types of transport that pass your front window within a certain time. Alternatively, pick some brochures up from a local travel agency - where would you both like to visit and how would you get there?

KIRFs (Key Instant Recall Facts)

This half term the KIRFS are ***I can count reliably with numbers from one to 20, place them in order and say which number is one more or one less than a given number.***

Lots of fun ways to do this using objects, people in the family, food, pebbles on the beach to help support with 1 more and 1 less. I will send home a number track to 20 to help with the visual as well as a set of number cards to 20 for ordering.

Any questions and queries let me know. Making learning into games and fun is the best way, don't worry about spending too long on an activity.

Forest school and PE

Forest School has finished for this school year. We will still be using our school grounds and the outdoor environment to support our learning so please send wellies in to school that can stay in while weather is bad.

PE kits please, please send them in to school in PE bag to stay on your child's peg. It is so important they are labelled as children often get things muddled up and it's hard to work out which clothing item belongs to who! We will be doing outdoor and indoor PE each week so please send in plimsolls or trainers and if you like some tracksuit bottoms to keep in your child's bag.

Reading

We change the children's phonics/ colour banded reading book each week but the children can continue to pick a bedtime story book from the big box as often as they wish. Some of our more confident readers are now reading each week as part of a guided group, if they do in their diary it will say about guided group reading. We endeavour to read with each child individually when we can, however this takes time. If any parent is free to come and help with reading, we would greatly appreciate the help. You will need to ensure you have a DBS first.

Please send in...

We will be making cars out of junk modelling on week of 9th March, please send in a small bag of recycling/ junk suitable for making cars with.

Also as part of our topic we are finding out about other places. If any children have been on holiday to other countries or places in the UK please send in a picture or travel brochure of the place they have been.

Dates

World Book Day - Thursday 5th March

Rec class assembly - Weds 25th March - note different date now!

Travel and Transport Activity morning (parents to come in for some fun learning with your child!) - 30th / 31st March (more details to follow)

Yours sincerely

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