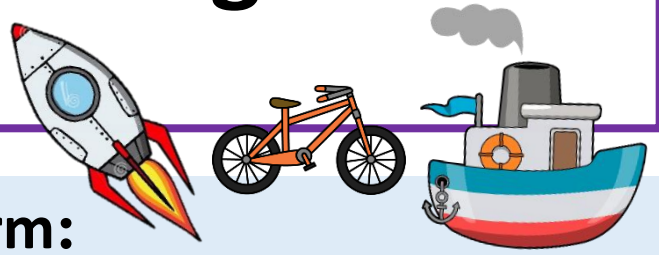


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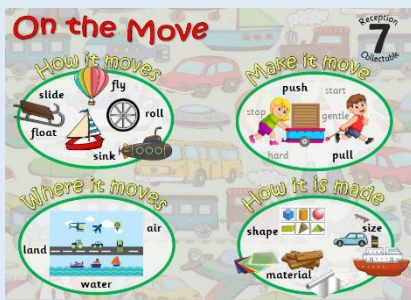
May 3rd 2024



Our theme for learning this term:

This term, our theme for learning is 'On the Move'. In their 'Understanding the World' learning they will find out about different types of transport, how they work and how and why people use them. We will be encouraging them to reflect upon, and relate this to, their own experiences of using transport, and use their developing language skills to recount an event that happened in the past.

Tapping into your child's natural curiosity, your little scientists will be exploring force and motion through carefully planned play experiences. They will consider how and why things move, and how different things might affect this e.g. the weight of the object and the surface material it travels on.



Please have a look on our school website where you will find our Knowledge and Understanding 'On the Move' collectable. This provides you and your child with a keepsake prompt of their learning.



Ahoy me hearties!

A message in a bottle washed up in Reception last week. Pirate Pete needed the children's help to find his treasure. Using information and story books, the children learned all about the pirates from long ago. They created their own wonderful treasure maps and this week we will be writing instructions about how to get to the treasure using their Red Words 'go' 'to' and 'the'. We will prepare for this sentence writing by recording our instructions on an app called 'Chatterpix' first to help us rehearse our sentences.



Treasure Island

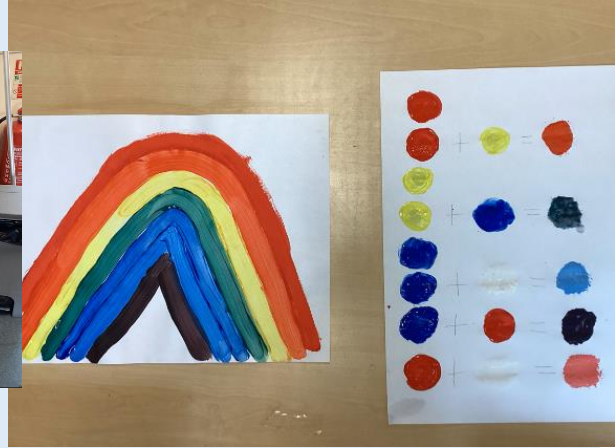


Being Artists and exploring colour mixing

Over the last couple of weeks we have been exploring what happens when you mix different paint colours. The children were given the primary colours red, yellow and blue and watched carefully how they changed when you mixed two colours together. They were very excited to see the new colours they could make. The children were challenged to paint their own colourful rainbows and parrots by mixing the paints to make the different colours they needed.

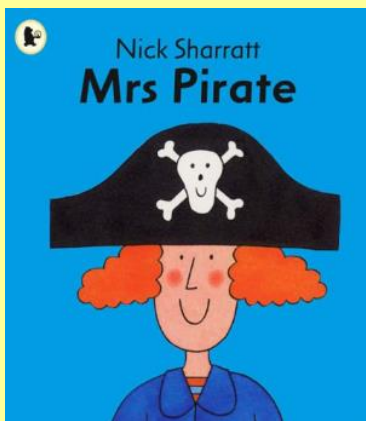


Look at our wonderful paintings below.

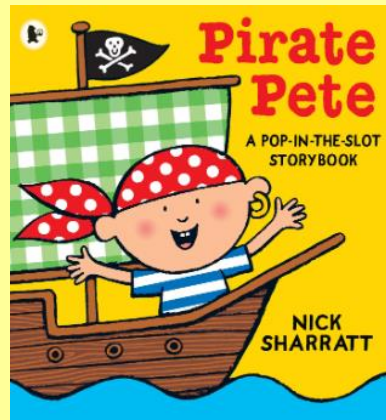


Books we shared this week

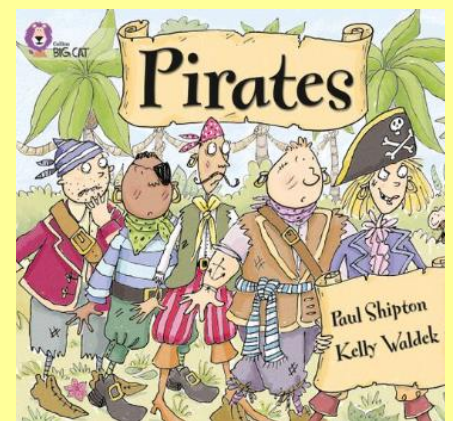
Below are the books we have shared this week. It is always good to revisit these books at home so that you can have conversations with your child about their experiences in school. If you do not have these books at home, you may be able to find them at your local library or often there are video versions by searching the title on YouTube.



'Mrs Pirate'
by Nick Sharratt



'Pirate Pete'
by Nick Sharratt



'Pirates'
by Paul Shipton and Kelly Waldek

Our Learning Gallery



Pirate hat making!



Penny robber!

The children loved playing this mathematical game this week. Maybe you could play at home. Each person to start with 10 pennies, then roll a dice and 'steal' that many pennies from the other person. Who has the most/fewest pennies at the end?



Pirate Play!

The children have fully immersed themselves in pirate play this week – creating pirate ships and acting out their own pirate stories!

Small World!

A wonderful representation of a city!



Problem Solving!

Wonderful concentration and problem solving skills to complete a puzzle!





As the days are getting warmer, we would like to ask you to send your child to school with a sunhat/cap to wear outdoors and a bottle of sunscreen. Please ensure both items are clearly named. We recommend ensuring your child has an application of sunscreen before they come to school and we will supervise them as they top it up at midday. As we cannot apply the cream ourselves it is a good idea to practise this at home first.

Please continue to ensure your child brings a fresh bottle of water to school each day. We will endeavour to encourage your child have regular sips through the day, reminding them that hydration is vital for good health and brain function for learning.

Dates for your diary

Robots Dress up day: Friday 24th May. This is an event for Reception children only. We will be having a robots themed week and would love to give the children a fun robot themed day where they can come in dressed up as a robot. We would also like the children to bring in one or two recycled boxes to create their own 3d robots in school too! Below are some costume ideas! Be as creative as you like!



Reception Stay and Play for parents: 6th June at 2pm We would like to invite you in for a stay and play session on Thursday, 6th June. There will be a carousel of fine motor activities for you to take part in with your child and hopefully give some ideas for ways you can support your child with their fine motor and handwriting at home. If you are unable to attend this event you could ask a grandparent or a friend to attend and work with your child. Please let us know who will be attending.

Sports Day for Reception children: 17th June at 1.30pm on the school field

Have a lovely week everyone!