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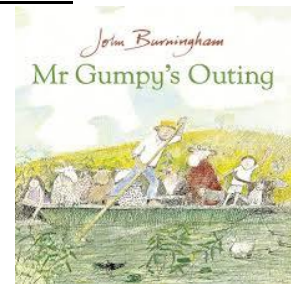
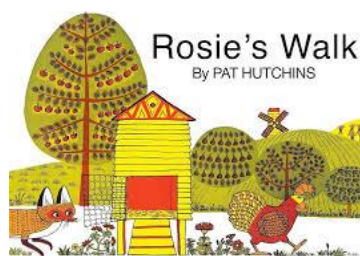
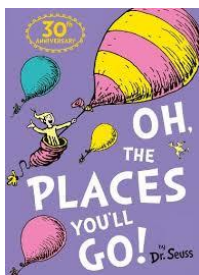
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Dear Parents and Carers

Our Topic this half term is 'Oh, The Places You'll Go!'



Our new topic this half term is 'Oh, The Places You'll Go!' We are starting off our topic with our 'Australian' Wow Week. We'll begin by thinking about how we might travel to Australia, and then we will be learning about some of the animals that we might see when we get there, and we will be learning some facts about them. We will be reading the story 'The Koala Who Could', and talking about how to be brave like Kevin the Koala. Kevin learnt that with a 'can do' attitude, 'life can be great when you try something new'.

After Wow Week, we will continue to learn about 'Journeys and Transport'. We will talk about journeys we have already taken, and we will be thinking about places that we might visit in the Summer holidays. We will also use our topic to begin to prepare some of the Nursery children for their next exciting adventure in school - their transition into Early Years.

In Literacy we will be reading some fiction and non-fiction books, including 'Rosie's Walk', 'Mr Gumpy's Outing' and 'Oi get off our train'. We will be continuing with our Little Wandle phonics and sending home nursery rhymes each week. Alongside this we will continue to send home the letter formation sheet and formation phrase for the phoneme we have learnt that week, and the pictures of animals to play Bertha's Bus. We are starting to learn about digraphs in phonics (2 letters that make one sound e.g. ch, sh, th).

Please remember, it is worth having a look at the parent's page on the Little Wandle website, especially at the videos demonstrating how to pronounce the phonemes (see Reception



Autumn 1 and 2, which covers all of the sounds we introduce in Nursery). Please practise using these 'pure sounds' with your child at home. There are also the videos that match some of the Nursery Rhymes on the website:

<https://www.littlewandlelettersandsounds.org.uk/resources/for-parents/#tabnametabSupportForPhonics>

In Mathematics we will be learning about prepositions, words that can be used to describe the position of an object e.g. in front, behind, next to. We will use this language to help us to describe routes, including those taken by characters in stories, and made up routes around maps. We will continue to use the 5 frames and 10 frames that we used for 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar', to support with our subitising and counting. We will also be using the 'Part Part Whole model to help us with calculations, including solving some addition and subtraction problems.

Just a few reminders please:

- Forest school continues to be on a Tuesday morning - Please make sure wellies are already in school, and you can also send a puddle suit if you choose too - hopefully now the weather is warmer and drier, the children won't need these every week.
- Show and tell is on a Monday and Friday only, can we please ask that your child doesn't bring in toys on other days if possible.
- Fizzy Tots (PE) is on a Thursday morning - blue/ black shorts and joggers, white t-shirt and a dark hoodie or jumper please. If your child wears tights to school we also need a pair of socks. Trainers can be sent into school for use on the playground and the field, but these aren't compulsory. If you do send trainers, velcro fastenings only please.
- Library is on a Wednesday - if your child doesn't attend on a Wednesday, please still send your child's plastic library folder and book, and we will change it on a day when your child is in Nursery.
- Please label ALL items of clothing - uniform, PE kit, coats, wellies etc.
- Tuck money remains at 30p a day - please send in a purse or envelope. Please feel free to pay in advance if it's easier.

Also, please remember to check on Tapestry to find out what we have been busy learning about in Nursery. Don't forget to like our posts to let us know you have seen them. Sometimes we also add reminders or messages, so it's definitely worth checking. Please also use Tapestry to share pictures or videos of things that your child has done at home.

We are looking forward to another fun-filled half term, and we are also excited to be welcoming lots of new friends to Nursery.

Thanks for your ongoing help and support, The Nursery Team

