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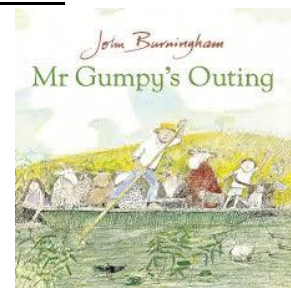
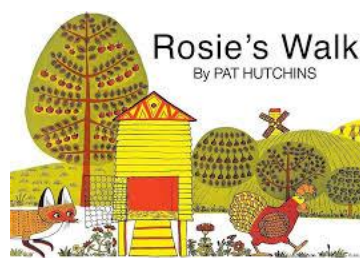
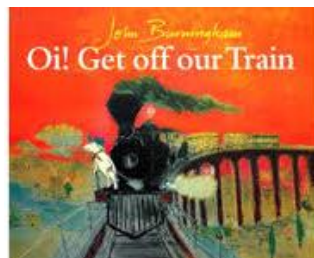
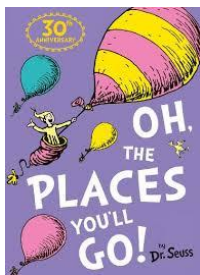
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Dear Parents and Carers

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 will be learning 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. If you can please put any photographs onto Tapestry of recent holidays, journeys or outings for us to share with the class, that would be fantastic. Bonus brownie points if you can share any information about where you travelled to, and how you got there.

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. The children who will be staying with us in Nursery for the next academic year, have been invited to a stay and play session after school on Thursday 11th June. This will be an opportunity to meet some of their new friends who will be joining us from September 2026.

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. 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 practise using 5 frames and 10 frames, 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.
- PE is on a Thursday morning - Please continue to send your child dressed in blue/ black shorts and joggers, white t-shirt and a dark hoodie or jumper please. Trainers can be worn, but these aren't compulsory. If you do choice trainers, velcro fastenings only please. If not, school shoes are fine.
- 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, spare clothes, 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.
Thanks for your ongoing help and support, The Nursery Team