



The Pegasus Academy Trust

Nursery Newsletter: Summer 1, 2024

Welcome back for another exciting half term! We have loved hearing about what all the children have been up to over the Easter break! As we enter the summer we are hoping for some lovely weather to enjoy our outside area. Our topic this half term is **'The Wheels On The Bus'** where the children will focus on different types of transport and travelling. This topic includes stories, poems and some great sing along songs!

Communication & Language: Over the next half term we will be focussing on remembering stories and being able to recall main events. When recalling events from the stories we will work on using full sentences and encourage the children to retell stories to each other. We will be using actions to support the children in their recall of the story and use these actions to perform the stories to each other. In the classroom there will be lots of small worlds set up to show a variety of modes of transport including trains, buses, cars and boats. The children can use these to retell the stories they have heard and create their own journeys using language they have learnt. We will encourage the children to draw maps around different areas and explain what the map shows.

Personal, Social and Emotional: As we enter the summer term we will be working on building learning powers. These are skills the children will build on as they progress through the school and in Nursery we will particularly work on the children's focus and resilience. We will be talking with the children about completing a task they have started to the best of their ability and continuing with the task even when it seems difficult. We will be rewarding children that persevere through challenges and display resilience within their day to day attitude to work.

Physical Development: This half term we will continue to build on the children's pencil grip and their ability to copy parts of their name. We will have lots of opportunities in the classroom to practice forming letters and begin to encourage the children to write their name on their work. To continue to support the children's pencil grip we will work on fine motor skills and continue building the muscles in their hand through playdough and tweezer activities. During this half term we will also be working on their gross motor outside which will include ball skills. We will work on throwing and catching a ball successfully and playing a variety of ball games together in our outside areas.

Literacy: This half term, we will be looking at a variety of texts focussed around transport. Including 'The Big Red Bus' and 'The Train Ride'. When looking at each new text we will be focussing on new vocabulary, encourage discussions and support the children in answering questions related to the story. We will be exploring lots of activities relating to the stories around the classroom and fully immerse the children in the text. We will be building on the children's sound awareness as we go into the Summer term and continue to introduce a sound each week. We focus on the identification of this sound at the beginning of words but not the recognition of the grapheme itself. We will set up lots of activities in our provision to encourage sound awareness and identification but also oral blending. The sounds we will be looking at this term are b, f, l, j and v.

Mathematics: In maths this half term we will be covering a variety of topics. We will expand the children's knowledge of numbers to 5 working on formation, problem solving and subitising. Subitising is the ability to look at a small number of objects and instantly recognise how many objects there are without needing to count. Within shape we will recap 2D shapes and begin to introduce the concept of 3D shapes and how the two are different. We will also be looking at positional language with the children and use this when setting up small worlds and through their play in the outside area.

Understanding the World: When looking at different modes of transport this half term we will also look at different occupations that operate the transport. This could include, train drivers, farmers, astronauts, bus drivers etc. We will talk about what their job involves and how many of them help us in our day to day lives. Through this we will also touch on other occupations that use transport to support their work such as police officers and paramedics.

Expressive Arts and Design: When looking at transport this half term we will also be focussing on building different modes of transport using our junk modelling resources. We will work with the children to think about the size of boxes they are using, how we can represent the different moving parts and how we can attach each part together in the most effective way. We are sure you are going to love some of our creations!

The Nursery Team

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