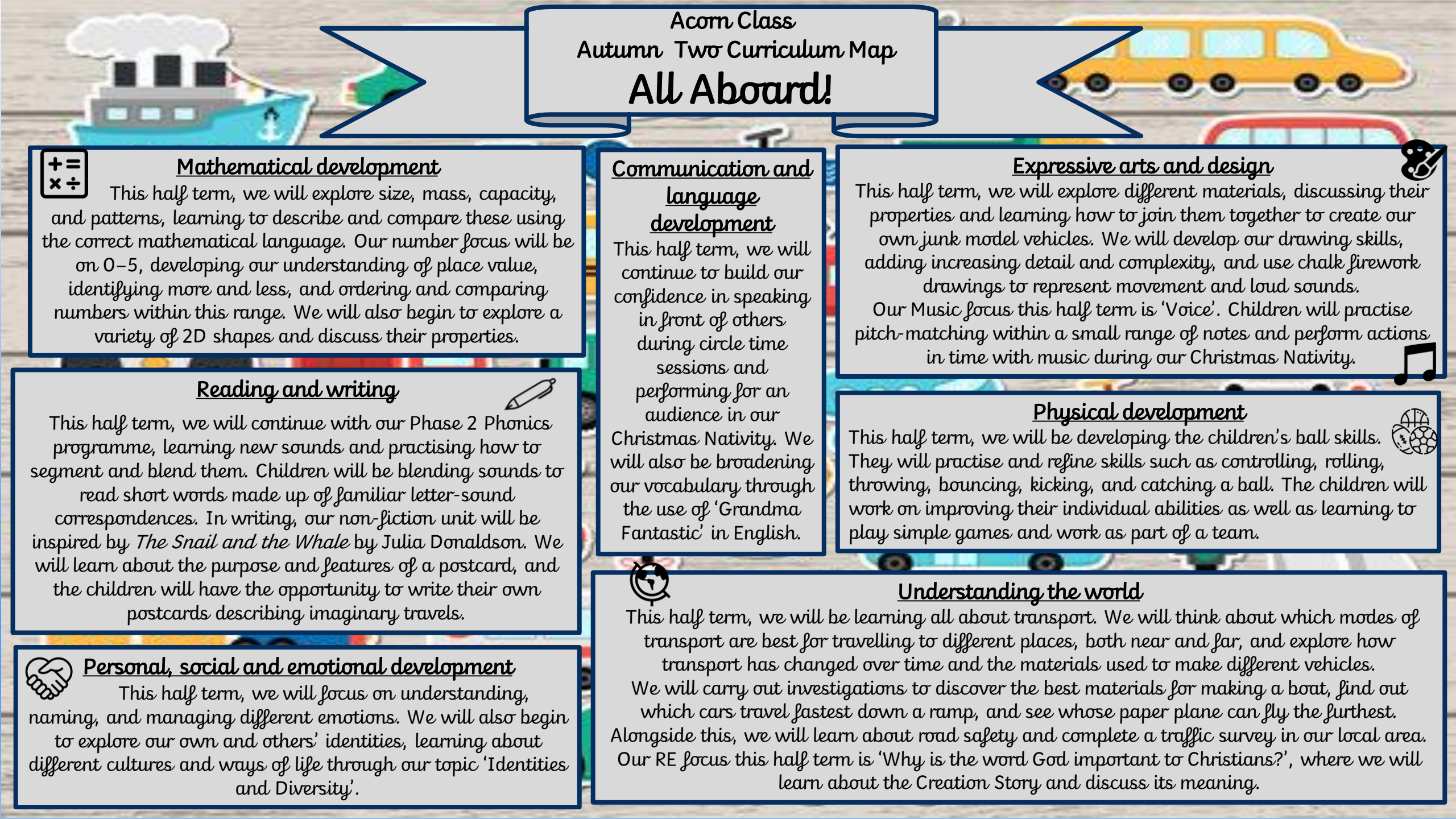




Acorn Class Autumn Two Curriculum Map All Aboard!



Mathematical development

This half term, we will explore size, mass, capacity, and patterns, learning to describe and compare these using the correct mathematical language. Our number focus will be on 0-5, developing our understanding of place value, identifying more and less, and ordering and comparing numbers within this range. We will also begin to explore a variety of 2D shapes and discuss their properties.

Reading and writing



This half term, we will continue with our Phase 2 Phonics programme, learning new sounds and practising how to segment and blend them. Children will be blending sounds to read short words made up of familiar letter-sound correspondences. In writing, our non-fiction unit will be inspired by *The Snail and the Whale* by Julia Donaldson. We will learn about the purpose and features of a postcard, and the children will have the opportunity to write their own postcards describing imaginary travels.



Personal, social and emotional development

This half term, we will focus on understanding, naming, and managing different emotions. We will also begin to explore our own and others' identities, learning about different cultures and ways of life through our topic 'Identities and Diversity'.

Communication and language development

This half term, we will continue to build our confidence in speaking in front of others during circle time sessions and performing for an audience in our Christmas Nativity. We will also be broadening our vocabulary through the use of 'Grandma Fantastic' in English.



Expressive arts and design



This half term, we will explore different materials, discussing their properties and learning how to join them together to create our own junk model vehicles. We will develop our drawing skills, adding increasing detail and complexity, and use chalk firework drawings to represent movement and loud sounds. Our Music focus this half term is 'Voice'. Children will practise pitch-matching within a small range of notes and perform actions in time with music during our Christmas Nativity.



Physical development



This half term, we will be developing the children's ball skills. They will practise and refine skills such as controlling, rolling, throwing, bouncing, kicking, and catching a ball. The children will work on improving their individual abilities as well as learning to play simple games and work as part of a team.

Understanding the world

This half term, we will be learning all about transport. We will think about which modes of transport are best for travelling to different places, both near and far, and explore how transport has changed over time and the materials used to make different vehicles. We will carry out investigations to discover the best materials for making a boat, find out which cars travel fastest down a ramp, and see whose paper plane can fly the furthest. Alongside this, we will learn about road safety and complete a traffic survey in our local area. Our RE focus this half term is 'Why is the word God important to Christians?', where we will learn about the Creation Story and discuss its meaning.