

# All aboard!

## Mathematical development

In Maths this half term we will be learning all about numbers 5, 6, 7 and 8, exploring the composition of these numbers and beginning to recall numbers bonds for addition and subtraction. We will also explore mass and capacity and begin to compare these mathematical concepts in 'real life' situations. In addition, we will introduce the concept of time, thinking about our own daily routine and significant times of our school day.

## Reading and writing

This half term we will continue our Monster Phonics programme, learning sounds made up of two letters (digraphs) or three letters (trigraphs). Children will be blending sounds into words so they can read short words made up of known letter - sound correspondences. In writing, we will be basing our non-fiction unit on the story 'The Snail and the Whale' by Julia Donaldson. We will be learning about the purpose and features of a postcard and we will write our own postcard from our imaginary travels.

## Personal, social and emotional development

This half term we will introduce the idea of 'citizenship', beginning to understand what it means to work together and belong to a team and a community. We will consider who is important in our own community and begin to explore communities that are different to our own.

## Communication and language development

This half term we will continue to develop our confidence in speaking in front of our classmates during circle time and carpet sessions. We will also continue to broaden our vocabulary using 'Grandma Fantastic' in our English lessons.

## Expressive arts and design

This half term we will be creating collaboratively, sharing ideas, resources and skills when making a class dragon to celebrate the Chinese New Year. We will continue to safely use and explore a variety of materials, tools and techniques when creating a range of vehicles. Our Music focus this half term is 'rhythm'. The children will focus on how the syllables in words can be used to formulate simple rhythms and how these can be notated in simple graphical scores using printed images.

## Physical development

In gymnastics this half term children will learn all about jumping, rolling and balancing. They will learn to perform different types of jumps and balances on the floor and on different gymnastics equipment. They will also learn different types of rolls, which they will practise and perform in the gymnastic sequences they create.



## Understanding the world

This half term we will be learning all transport. We will consider which modes of transport are best to get us to different places both near and far, how transport has developed over time and the materials they are made from. We will investigate the best materials to use to make a boat, which cars are the fastest off the ramp and whose paper plane can fly the furthest. Alongside this we will explore road safety, learn to read a map and complete a transport survey. Our RE focus is 'Why is the word God so important to Christians?' where we learn the Creation Story.