EYFS Autumn 2 Overview



Dear Parents/carers,

Our topic for this half term is 'Trains, planes and automobiles'. We will be learning about different modes of transport and investigating how they work.

If you have any questions please feel free to come and speak to Mrs Needham, Mrs Dickinson, Miss Britt or Mrs Smalley at home time, make an appointment or email us at: staff@broughtonprimary.co.uk. Thank you very much for your support!

Reading

This half term, Nursery will be focusing on a book called 'The Naughty Bus' and Reception will be reading 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt' and 'Whatever Next'.

In Nursery, we would like the children to read with an adult for enjoyment, understanding that the text is read from left to right and top to bottom.

Reception children are expected to read for at least ten minutes each night to accompany our guided reading sessions and other reading opportunities presented in class daily. Reading books will continue to be changed on a Tuesday and a Friday. We strongly encourage re-reading for enjoyment. It also gives children a greater opportunity to become more familiar with the story vocabulary. Please write in their reading records when they have read at home. They will be checked daily.

Homework

Nursery – we would love to see any achievements from home or any photos of the children when they have been on an aeroplane, train, tractor, etc. It would be lovely if you get the chance to take your child on a bus journey too.

Reception - children are asked to complete topic homework each half term. There are six activities to choose from; two of which are compulsory. Please upload these onto Tapestry to share with us at school.

Dates for your dairy for Nursery and Reception children

25th Nov – Nursery Kinder Hub Trip
28th Nov – Christmas Jumper Day
1st Dec – Nursery Christmas Songs and Crafts
2nd Dec – Reception Nativity
3rd Dec – Reception Nativity
4th – FOBS Movie Night
5th Dec – Christmas Fair 2-4pm
10th Dec – New Starter Nursery Visits
12th Dec – Pantomime Day for Reception
19th Dec – Break up for Christmas holiday

Communication and Language/ Literacy

In nursery this half term, we will be reading ‘The Naughty Bus’. This is a magical book in which the hero and voice of the book is the bus itself. Children will love the different escapades the bus gets up to! In phonics we will be concentrating on alliteration.

Reception will be focusing on the story 'We’re going on a bear hunt'. This story has a big emphasis on rhythm and rhyme. The children are already enjoying joining in with the repeated refrains. We will also look at the story ‘Whatever Next’ and this will be the focus of our role play area, with the children retelling the story events. In phonics we are continuing to learn new phonemes. Please encourage your child to use their sound-talking robot arms and robot voice when sounding out words to read or write. Please remember to log in to ‘Bug Club’ weekly to access online copies of the reading books to support our new phonics knowledge. There are also some online games at http://www.ictgames.com/literacy.

Maths

In nursery, we will begin to order number names, subitise 1 and count 1,2,3. We will also look at pattern and shape, space and measure. We will join in with repeats and explore position and space.

In reception, we will be exploring 2D shapes. We will also be consolidating knowledge of numbers 1-5.

Please make sure to have a go at the maths homework which is set weekly on Tapestry.

Maths games can be found at: www.topmarks.co.uk

Understanding the World

Nursery will be exploring a range of maps, then designing their own for ‘Naughty Bus’ to travel on. During Forest School we will be learning how to look after living things and our environment

Reception will be role-playing travelling by aeroplane to a different country each week to investigate what it is like there and how it is similar or different to our country. They will explore modern transport and transport used in the past.

Physical Development/ P.E

We will continue to focus on the children’s gross motor skills in our outdoor area this half term. Our carwash role-play area and use of outdoor vehicles will support children with this. We will also be developing our fine motor skills in our malleable area.

We use our fantastic outdoor area in all weathers; please make sure that your child has named waterproof clothing and wellies in school at all times.

Nursery will have their P.E. session on Tuesday mornings this half term. Reception will have one PE session per week and a dance session with our dance specialist teacher Sally. P.E. will be on Wednesday morning and dance will be on Friday morning. Please ensure your child has full P.E. kit in school ready for these sessions.

Expressive Arts and Design

This half term we will enjoy singing a range of transport songs, such as ‘The wheels on the bus’ whilst using a range of musical instruments. We will also be practising songs for our upcoming Christmas performance ‘Baarmy Bethlehem’.

RE

Our R.E. focus this half term will be ‘Special People’ and what makes a person special. We will learn about Jesus’ birthday and how Christian’s celebrate Christmas. We have already been learning about the Hindu festival of light, Diwali and we will move on to learn about the Jewish festival of Hanukah.

Homework Tasks for Reception Autumn Term 2 2025

Task 1	Task 2	Task 3
Share your favourite holiday memory. Where did you go?	Our R.E topic this half term is 'Christmas'. Go on a hunt to find a nativity scene. We would love to see a photo too.	*Try food from another country. Do you know where it comes from? What does it taste like?*
Bring a photograph in to share with the class.	(Adult supported)	
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Task 4	Task 5	Task 6
Talk about your daily routine. How is it different at the weekend, compared to a school day? You could draw a picture of what you do in the morning, afternoon and evening.	Discuss road safety with an adult at home. How can you keep safe around roads and vehicles?	*Make a representation of your favourite vehicle.*
(Adult supported)		*You could use lego, paint, junk modelling, etc. Be creative!*
	(Adult supported)	*(Independent)*