

## Curriculum News

## Red Class – Reception

**Topic: Journeys** Dinosaurs, Wheels on the bus & Whatever Next

Staff	Mrs Dunn and Miss Cox
Personal Social & Emotional Development	As well as providing key person groups, circle times, visual timetables and by demonstrating positive behavioural expectations, following school rules & tidy up routines; we will be focusing on special journeys and celebrating our cultural diversity. We will also look at relationships and consider fairness and being fair to others.
Problem Solving Reasoning & Number	We will count, compare, recognise and order numbers beyond 20. In practical situations we will find more and less and solve simple addition and subtraction problems. We will use symbols and numbers to record number sentences. We will give and follow different directions and positions. We will compare, measure and estimate weight.
Communication Language Literacy	We will use books and internet to research and to write captions about dinosaurs and space. We will focus on fierce and friendly dinosaur characters and use story language to retell stories in sequence. We will recount weekend news and the events from our class walk in order. We will recite the well known rhyme the Wheels on the Bus and write our own version. Every day we will practice naming, writing and blending phonic sounds in our phonics groups.
Knowledge & Understanding of the World	We will learn about different types of transport and traveling on land, air and in space. What features can we find on our walk of the local area? We will investigate forces through pushes and pulls on different surfaces, and by making paper helicopters and rockets. Following our class walk we will discuss what we liked in the local area. We will be learning to operate remote control cars. We will investigate the use of ICT in space.
RE	We will learn about Ascension and Jesus' special promise. We will also learn about special journeys. Why are they important and how do pilgrims prepare them? We will celebrate May day by creating our own maypole dance and observing traditional customs. We will focus on Pentecost and revisit Jesus' promise. We will celebrate the birth of the church.
Physical Development	We will develop our skills in gymnastics by using the large apparatus and moving it safely. We will be learning to develop hand-eye coordination using bats and balls, as well as sewing. We will practice sending and receiving beanbags and a variety of balls in pairs and groups.
Creative Development	The role play areas will be changed into a dinosaur cave, bus and space rocket. We will continue to have a home corner and we would love to provide newspapers and books in your home language. In Music, we will learn about pitch, and how to create high and low sounds. We will listen and respond to space music. We will use a wide range of media and materials to create large collages and bus paintings and space rocket tiles.
Others, inc proposed class visits	We are aiming to go on a walk in the local area to identify different features and types of transport. We would like to go in week 2, so please do volunteer asap!

**Homework:** We will provide a range of fun and practical activities each week. We look forward to you supporting your child with these weekly learning opportunities.

**Useful Websites:** [bbcschools.co.uk](http://bbcschools.co.uk) ;  
natural history museum & national  
schools observatory

**Other:** We still need help with reading, practical activities, gardening and sewing. Please help.  
Thank you