



# P.P.S. Oak Class

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Spring Term

## Terrific Transport!

Welcome back to Oak Class!

It has been wonderful to see your children settle back into school life so quickly and happily. We have an exciting term ahead in Oak Class.

Together, we have chosen to learn about different types of transport. The children have asked some great questions such as "How do rockets fly in space?", "Why are lorries so big?", "How do aeroplanes fly so high?" and "How do boats not sink in the water?" We will spend the next few weeks talking about our ideas and learning how we can answer these questions.

### Literacy

We will investigate non-fiction books to find out information about different types of transport. We will look at stories based on transport, such as 'Choo Choo Clickety Clack' and listen out for rhyming words. We will be spotting our tricky words and digraphs too!

### Mathematical Development

We will be continuing to develop our number skills, counting forwards and backwards with numbers to 20. We will be exploring how to represent these numbers using counters, Numberblocks and Numicon. We will begin to think about doubling and halving and continue to talk about the part-part-whole representation of numbers. We will also be adding with practical resources, practising counting on from the first number to find the answer.

When talking about journeys we will use positional language, such as 'behind', 'in front of' and 'under', and encourage the children to design courses that use this descriptive language.

### Understanding the World

We will consider what different types of transport are used for and look at similarities and differences. We will talk about how transport is different now to in the past and think about how transport helps us in our everyday lives.

Talking about journeys will offer many opportunities for role play. This will help develop our understanding of what we need to do on a journey e.g. choosing how we will travel, buying a ticket, packing our luggage and what we see on the way!

We are very lucky to have an afternoon visit to Petworth Fire Station arranged for the end of January. We will be learning about fire safety, the different fire trucks and how firefighters can help us.

At the end of January, we will also learn about Chinese New Year, encouraging the children to think about traditional celebrations and stories from other cultures.

As part of our personal, emotional, social development this term we will be supporting your child to become more independent in the mornings. We will be encouraging them to come into class on their own, giving you a big hug goodbye at the door.

We love seeing and sharing any work your child has done at home. Please either send it into class or take a photo and upload it to Tapestry. The children really enjoy seeing photos of important events in each other's lives and it promotes great discussion.

Below are a few suggestions of activities you might like to do with your child at home:

- Read an information book about transport. Look at the contents and labelled pictures. Does the book have a glossary? What new words can you learn together?
- Make your own information book about your favourite type of transport. Can you draw a picture and write some labels? Remember, your grown up can help you write words that are currently too difficult for you.
- Look at the different vehicles you see on the way to school. How many different types of transport do you see? Can you record your findings to bring into class and show us all?
- Play board games together using dice. Can you quickly recognise what number you have rolled? Try using 2 dice, can you spot the doubles? What is the total if you add both dice together? Remember, count on from the biggest number you have rolled.

Thank you for continuing to support your child's learning at home. Having time to play, talk, read, write and count with you makes a real difference to their learning journey. It has been fantastic to see so many comments on Tapestry, as well as observations of learning at home. Please keep using Tapestry to share your child's learning outside of school.

Any questions or concerns please do come and speak to one of us.

The Oak Class Team