

## Cypress group

Dear Parent,

Here is an overview of what we will be doing this term and what you could do at home to support your child.

Our topic this term is transport.

What we will do in school...		What you could do together at home...
<p><b>Science</b></p> <p>We will be exploring materials and the effects of different surfaces on the speed of toy cars. We will be exploring forces and the effects that forces have on objects. We will be learning to create our own simple experiments and record our findings in a chart.</p>		<p>Find and name different materials in the home. Talk about the textures of these materials and their uses.</p> <p>Talk about the forces you use and see on a day to day basis. For example, riding a bike, pushing a trolley or opening a door.</p>
<p><b>History</b></p> <p>In history, this term, Cypress group will be exploring transport. We will be looking at transport throughout history and comparing it to the transport which we use today.</p>		<p>When you go out point out different types of transport i.e., bus, car, hot air balloon. Talk about the different forms of transport you use. How do you get to school? How do you get to the shops?</p>
<p><b>English</b></p> <p>In English we will be reading and sharing a range of books about transport. We will be working towards structuring sentences and using interesting adjectives to describe different forms of transport.</p> <p>We will also be looking at rhyming. We will listen to and read familiar nursery rhymes and practise continuing rhyming strings.</p>		<p>Share a range of books at home with your children.</p> <p>Encourage your children to form interesting sentences verbally, for example 'I can see a shiny, red truck.'</p> <p>Listen to and sing nursery rhymes with your children. Identify words which 'sound like' each other, for example 'car sounds like far.'</p>
<p><b>Art and design</b></p> <p>Cypress group will be exploring different materials and their uses. Children will be challenged to create a junk model boat, for our portside pirates, using materials which will float. We will also be using a range of materials to create different patterns and textures.</p>		<p>Talk to your children about different materials and how they feel.</p> <p>Demonstrate floating and sinking when they are in the bath or helping you wash up!</p>
<p><b>PSHE</b></p> <p>We will be encouraging the children to identify how they are feeling and choose appropriate coping strategies for when they are feeling anxious, angry or sad.</p> <p>We will also be looking at what makes a good friend and building up our confidence by identifying things we like about ourselves.</p>		<p>Label your child's emotions as they display them. For instance, tell them they look happy when they are smiling. Talk about how their favourite characters might be feeling when watching cartoons.</p> <p>Identify when your child does something well and list their qualities.</p>
<p><b>Maths</b></p> <p>We will be looking at the children's daily routine, thinking about the activities they do in the morning, afternoon and evening.</p> <p>We will also be practicing reading the time using analogue clocks.</p> <p>We will continue to work on our number skills, and this will include counting, addition, subtraction and multiplication</p>		<p>Talk through the children's daily routine using key words such as next, first, morning, afternoon and evening.</p> <p>How many ways of telling the time can you find around your house? This may include digital and analogue time.</p> <p>Continue to count everyday things with your children using vocabulary such as 'how many' and 'how many more?'</p>



## Swimming - every Tuesday

Cypress Group will be going swimming on Tuesdays. Please send your child into school every Tuesday with:

- a swimming costume/trunks
- a towel
- soap for washing themselves and moisturising if needed
- A bag that is large enough for them to put all their clothes into.



## PE - every Monday

Please send a PE kit (any comfortable shorts and T-shirt ) in a bag to keep in school. We will send it home every half-term for you to wash.

## Spare Clothes

Your child will have opportunities to engage in sensory activities including messy play with water, sand, paint, etc. Although the children are encouraged to wear aprons, accidents do happen! Please send a spare set of clothes for your child in case they should need to change.



## Home-School Book

We will try to write in the home-school book every day to let you know what your child has been doing, what they have eaten, how they have been, and anything else we think you would like to hear about their day. We will also put important letters in the book.

**Please read the book every day.**

Please feel free to write what your child has been up to at home, any new achievements and any concerns or questions you may have. If your child has missed breakfast, or had a bad night's sleep - please let us know so that we can care for them accordingly (breakfast can be arranged if needed).

Thank you for taking the time to read this, if you have any other queries, please don't hesitate to contact us.

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