



Welcome back to our first learning letter of 2023. We hope the New Year has started well for you. This term, our new topic is 'Transport'. As part of this topic, we look at different types of vehicles. If your family has an interesting or unusual vehicle, please send a photograph to us via Tapestry. If anyone has an interesting vehicle that they would be willing to display at school, please let us know as we would love to see them at Betchworth on our Transport Day, Friday 20th January.

As part of our learning around the story of Handa's Surprise, we would like to explore the fruits in the story. We would be grateful for any donations of: pineapple, passion fruit, oranges, bananas, mango, avocado, guava and tangerines. Please send them into school on Monday.

### Reminders

- Please remember to ring or email **the school office (rather than the class teacher)** if your child is absent from school.  
The telephone number is **01737 843384** and follow the prompts to report an absence.  
The email address is [info@northdowns.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:info@northdowns.surrey.sch.uk)
- Please work on doing up coats independently, as many children have new coats
- If cold, please send in hats and, gloves/ mittens (named)
- Double socks on Forest School days to avoid cold feet!

### Wanted

- Any unwanted jogging bottoms, underwear, tights and socks we could have for our spares box - **Owls are desperate for spare socks, knickers and tights.**
- Recycling for the modelling table - no medicine packaging please - Owls in particular.

### In the last 2 weeks, we have...

- Subitised within 5 (subitising is where we look at a set of objects/ pictures and recognise the quantity without counting e.g. recognising patterns on a dice)
- Used ordinal numbers to put train carriages in order
- Started revising phase 2 of letters and sounds
- Shared the story of the Train Ride
- Compared old and new trains
- Made music to accompany a train journey
- Started our Forest School sessions
- Started to learn Samba dance moves, ready for the North Downs Glitter Ball Challenge!

### Over the next two weeks, we will...

- Continue to learn the days of the week and months of the year
- Develop our number composition skills
- Find out about aeroplanes and the places they visit
- Role play in our travel agents
- Use transport vehicles in our role-play
- Share stories from other cultures including Handa's Surprise
- Continue with letters and sounds phase 2