



Welcome back to our first learning letter of 2024. We hope the New Year has started well for you. We are enjoying our transport topic and are looking forward to our shared day on Friday 9th February.

As part of our learning, we will also be sharing the story of Handa's Surprise and 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 work on doing up coats independently, as many children have new coats
- If cold, please send in hats and, gloves/ mittens (named)
- Double socks to avoid cold feet on Forest School days - Robins (Fridays), Owls (Tuesdays).

Wanted

- Recycling for the modelling table - no medicine packaging please - Owls in particular.
- Play dough ingredients - flour, cream of tartare, oil, salt.
- Photos of any unusual vehicles to support our learning (see previous learning letter).

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
- Continued to revise phase 2 letters and sounds
- Shared the story of the Train Ride
- Compared old and new trains
- Made music to accompany a train journey
- Started to learn our 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