



### Sparrows Newsletter:

Our topic for this term is 'Transport: Planes, Trains and Automobiles'. We are beginning the topic with an exciting journey taking Dolly the dog on a plane! Some of the learning opportunities children will have throughout the term relating to our topic, include finding out about transport of the past as well as the lives of significant historical figures. Children will also have the opportunity to express their thoughts and opinions on different methods of transport through art, as well as sharing their knowledge and their learning through ICT this term. Our English learning this term will be focused around books related to journeys, including Traction Man, Polar Express and Harvey Slumfenburger's Christmas Present. We will be looking at materials in Science, and the festivals of Diwali, Hannukah and Christmas in our RE lessons. We are looking forwards to our own journey to Dominoes and performing our KS1 nativity! In Maths we are following the mastery curriculum which includes shape and space, place value, addition and subtraction.

#### Sparrow Homework

Homework (Brain Builders) has been changed this term and will be issued next Friday (week 2). The format will be slightly different; however, it is important that you ensure your child completes their homework to the best of their ability. This will help your child to improve their learning. Children will be able to earn points for their house. Children will have opportunities to borrow books from the library on a Wednesday and need to return them by the following Wednesday. We ask for your support to listen to your child read every day using the home reader scheme. Children's books will continue to be changed on a Friday and a Monday (where possible).

**Spellings:** Attached to this newsletter is a copy of the spellings for each week, they are based on the sounds children learn in phonics each week. Each week (usually Fridays), children will be given up to five sentences containing these words. Please continue to support your children with learning their spellings for the week and ensure that they are practising them on a regular basis.

#### PE

Sparrow Class PE lessons will be on a Tuesday and Thursday this term. All children should have a school PE Kit and bag in school. This term PE will be taught by our sports teacher, Mrs Palmer. Please remember pupils should have separate trainers for PE! Please continue to ensure that your child takes out their earrings on the days when they have PE.

Many thanks!

**We would be very grateful if you have any shoeboxes and milk bottle tops.** (We are collecting them for DT later in the term!) If you have any questions or would like support related to your child's learning, please come and see us. We will be more than happy to help.

**Miss. Cuthbertson and Miss. Fisher**

