



Dear Parents and Carers,

Another busy and exciting week and the children have continued to work hard while learning through play and making the most of the lovely weather.

This week, our theme has been **Transport and Road Safety**. The children learned about different modes of transport, including air, water and land transport, and enjoyed sorting various vehicles and transport into these groups. We talked about what transport is, why it is important, and how different types of transport help us in our everyday lives.

As part of our road safety learning, we discussed how to cross the road safely and the importance of listening to trusted adults. The children learned about some road crossings, including zebra and pelican crossings, and practised "stop, look and listen," looking left and right, holding an adult's hand and wearing a seatbelt when in a car. We reinforced this learning through a variety of fun games and practical activities.

In maths, we continued counting to 10 and explored simple addition using manipulatives and counters. For handwriting, we focused on the one-armed robot letters, their correct letter formation, pencil grip and writing them out.

The children also worked very hard this week to make and decorate special Father's Day cards and gifts. It was lovely to welcome so many dads and family members to our Father's Day Breakfast and Stay and Play session. Everyone enjoyed spending time together, and the children were very proud to share their gifts.

Next week: Exploring Summer

Literacy: The children will share their experiences and ideas about summer, discuss holidays and favourite summer activities. We will listen to and discuss summer-themed stories, continue developing vocabulary, and encourage mark-making activities linked to the theme.

Phonics: Continue practising oral blending and segmenting, reading simple words and building captions.

Handwriting: We will be practising the Zig-zag monster letters: v, w, x and z.

Maths: We will explore subtraction by taking away objects from groups of 1-10. The children will use number lines to support counting backwards and compare quantities before and after taking away.

Understanding of the World: At Forest School in Avondale Park, we will be exploring signs of summer and going on a summer nature hunt. We will also discuss the weather, holidays, beaches, plants and animals associated with the season.

Arts and Crafts: As part of our Artist of the Month project, we will learn about a famous artist and create artwork inspired by their style. The children will also enjoy making summer-themed crafts to take home.

Snack: Pears, bananas, satsumas, carrots and apples.

Notices:

Please note that Forest School is on Thursdays at Avondale Park. Please bring your child to nursery as normal, dressed appropriately for Forest School activities.

The weather is predicted to be very hot and sunny next week; please would you send in spare shorts and a t-shirt as we are likely to be playing with water in the garden. At the moment, we're planning a 'water play session' in the garden on Tuesday 23rd with a sprinkler and water shooters but we'll send confirmation on Monday - please could children bring a towel and swimming costume/trunks in a named bag on that day. Please could children bring a sunhat to school and could you apply sunscreen before they come in every day.

Please could we have any toilet roll / kitchen roll holders for an activity the Ducklings are doing next week.

If you would like to join us for the Summer Holiday Club from 13th - 17th July, please feel free to contact Clare for further details. It will be a week full of fun Arts and Crafts!

Have a lovely weekend!

Miss Eby and Miss Zara