Our topics this term are, “Transport, and Facts.” The first few weeks we will be focusing on Emergency services and our role play area will be a fire station. Children will be drawing maps of their journeys, retelling the stories using story maps and describing the main characters in the story and the different settings. The children have continual access to all books and can choose a book to take home from our castle themed school library, each week to share with their family. They will have lots of opportunities to write in all areas of the Nursery, and we will be encouraging your child to do lots of emergent writing through play and writing their name using the correct letter formation. The younger children will have access to a variety of media and writing tools to develop their fine motor skills and pencil grip. Phonic sessions will continue four times a week and the older children will be linking sounds to letters.

In our Creative activities, we will be experimenting with lots of different kinds of media; printing, salt painting, winter collage, cooking and using recyclable materials to construct with a purpose in mind e.g. Transport. Children have access to all construction equipment both inside and outside in the Nursery garden. We will be learning many new Transport songs and using different parts of our body and percussion instruments to imitate the different transport sounds heard. The children will have daily counting and number games. Our focus for this half term is shapes around the environment and the older children will be describing the properties of shapes. The children will continue to use Laptops on Tuesdays and children will have PE on a Thursday, where they’re encouraged to come to school in tracksuit bottoms or leggings and shoes with Velcro. Our PE sessions will be based on co-ordination and control using bean bags and small apparatus. Weekly challenges will be issued on a Wednesday to be returned by Monday.

“Happy New Year” to you all and a big thank you for all the Christmas cards and generous gifts that you gave to our Nursery team. Welcome back to a new term and a warm welcome to all our new children and parents.

With the cold weather upon us, it is very important that all children wear a coat, hat and gloves. Please note that all these items need to be clearly named.

Please find below a brief summary of the curriculum coverage this term, our timetable and a few important dates for your diary.

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**Important dates for your diaries!**

14th January-Super Hero Workshop  
15th January- Application for Reception places in 2019 closes

11th and 12th February- PTA Valentine cake sale  
15th February-EE Challenge Day ‘Moon Base’

18th February – 22nd February-Half Term  
25th February-Inset Day No Nursery

7th March –World Book Day (Children can dress up as a book character)

29th March-Diversity Day  
1st/2nd April -PTA Easter Cake Sale  
3rd April -Easter Bunny visiting Nursery

5th April- Nursery Easter Party (All Nursery children attend the morning session 8:40-11:45)