



Summer Term 2024

Craig Park Pre-school Newsletter

Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been a pleasure welcoming your children back to school from the Easter holiday. We hope you had a lovely break.

Our topics this term are **Journeys and Transport** and **Amazing stories**. We will use all curriculum areas to cover the topics, and the children will also learn new songs, poems, rhymes and stories.

Communication, Language and Literacy

Our focus stories and songs this term are about different modes of transport. Books and songs include *The Wheels on the Bus*, *We're Going on a Bear Hunt* and *Zoom, Zoom, Zoom...We're Going to the Moon*. We will be using them to explore the various ways people travel. Please continue to support your child at home to develop their vocabulary and love for reading through reading and singing with them daily. We will be sending out through email links to the YouTube videos so that you can practise these with your child.

Maths

This term, we will be comparing the weights of objects by using gestures as well as language, such as heavy and light. The children will continue practising counting and developing fast recognition of up to two objects (subitising). We will also explore patterns in the environment.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

We will continue to plan activities around the school and local neighbourhood to support the children in learning to interact with others through gestures, gaze, and talk and to feel secure when taken out. In addition, we will support the children in learning to use the toilet with help and then independently by planning activities on potty training.

Understanding of the World

The children will be learning about the different modes of transport, where they travel and the sounds they make. They will be visiting the school car park to see cars and engage in different activities to develop their understanding of different ways people travel. The children will also begin to notice similarities and differences between themselves, their friends and their families.

Expressive Arts and Design

The children will be learning to use their imagination as they consider what they can do with different materials, for example, making different modes of transport with junk modelling.

Early Years Performance

The children are excited to be working together with Reception to create our Early Years performance in July. We will send you more information about this closer to the time.

Uniform and spare clothing

Please ensure that your children come to pre-school in their school uniform - Navy blue joggers, a white t-shirt or polo shirt and black trainers or plimsolls.

As the weather is getting warmer, we will spend more time outside exploring and learning, so applying lots of sun cream on them before they come to school would be helpful.

Please provide a named bag of spare clothing for your child (with their name written on each item of clothing), if you have not already done so, in case they need to be changed. The bags will be kept in school unless the clothes need replacing.

Sharing activities and achievements

We would really like to see what the children do at home with you and the activities they enjoy. Remember to share your child's home learning experiences through Evidence Me, which can then be added to the child's learning journey. We will also continue to share activities that they do in school with you using this.

Thank you for your support, and we look forward to working with you and your amazing children!

Angela, Adriana, Fatima and Sengul