



Dear Parents – Y1 and Y2 children,

Welcome to the Spring term.

We hope that you all had a good Christmas holiday and that your children have settled happily into school again.

Our work this term is about 'Where I Live' and 'Transport'. We will be looking at our local environment and particularly at the litter in the area. The children will go on a short walk in the local area to look for litter and notice how it alters the appearance of the environment. The children will be making litter monsters and thinking about how we could make the area more attractive.

After half term we will be visiting the Motor Museum in Coventry, and will be focussing on environmentally friendly transport, and space. Y1 children will also be covering the Kerb Safe Road Safety Programme. As part of R.E. and the history of Nuneaton we will be visiting The Abbey Church.

Listed below are suggestions of places to go/activities to do, in order to reinforce school learning:

- Talk about litter and graffiti when you see it.
- Point out different places where litter can be put, and look at the different styles of bins in the town.
- Discuss recycling and the variety of items which can be recycled.
- Look for recycling logos on packaging.
- Watch the 'Happy Feet' DVD.
- After half term look out for the variety of different vehicles on the road when you are making a journey and see if you can think of vehicles to go with every letter of the alphabet.
- Visit the library and borrow books about rubbish or transport.
- Look up about recycling, rubbish or transport on the internet.
- Check the local press for any related events.

Your continued help in hearing your child read is appreciated and is of great benefit if done on a regular basis. Throughout the term we will be trying to encourage the children to discuss their books and answer questions about what they have read. Spellings will continue as usual.

We would like to remind you to name items of clothing, please. Children can not wear jewellery to school other than stud earrings. It would also be helpful if full P.E. kit could remain in school, in a pump bag hanging on their peg.

We hope your child will enjoy the term's work.

Yours sincerely,

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**Where I Live
(our environment)**

History

The history of transport
Changes in transport over time
The fastest car on earth (significant event)
Trip to Coventry Motor Museum

D.T.

Making their own vehicle with moving wheels

Science

Materials – litter/recycling
Forces – push/pull – car/lorries etc
Magnets – sorting litter for re-cycling
Local weather watch – melting ice
Space

I.C.T.

Modelling/control
Use toy robot to move on a grid
Program toy to move in set directions

Art

Litter monster collages
Winter collages
Digital photographs
Graphics/logos (recycling/storyworld)

P.S.E.

Y1

Valuing differences between people
Setting goals
Communication
Healthy lifestyle
Self-esteem

Y2

Personal/general safety
Setting goals
Self-esteem
Managing change

R.E.

“Amazing things”
Being grateful and appreciative
Stillness/reflection – looking and listening carefully
Miracles (New Testament)
Moses (Old Testament)
Bible (Christian) and Torah (Jewish)
Easter Story

Geography

Seasons (local weather)
Impact of environment on our lives – weather/litter/transport
Care for environment (posters)
Revision of geographical facts e.g. countries that make up UK
Differences between cities, towns and villages