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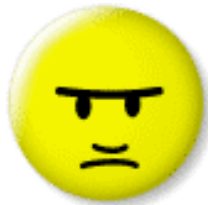


Theme for the month: **TRANSPORT AND JOURNEYS**

Our emotion for January: **CROSS**

Some things we will be doing:

- ♦ Creating models of vehicles from junk materials
- ♦ Investigating shapes to see why circles make the best wheels
- ♦ Making vehicle pictures from basic shapes
- ♦ Printing with the various patterned objects
- ♦ Investigating types of containers that would make a good boat for our play people, and making some of our own
- ♦ Playing in our very own travel agent, bus /train station, garage and driving licence office
- ♦ Completing a driving test in the hope of obtaining a driving licence!
- ♦ Investigating magnetic items
- ♦ Discussing journeys we've been on - long/short, how we got there, who with, reason for journey etc - and journeys we would like to make
- ♦ Talking about what makes us feel cross, what we do when we feel cross and what we might do instead!



My face is very special - poem

My face is very special
It belongs to only me,
And it can tell without a word
Exactly how I feel.

If tears are falling from my eyes
It means I'm feeling sad
And if my face is all screwed up,
It means I'm feeling mad!

But if I'm feeling happy,
As I am once in a while,
Everybody knows
Because I wear a great big smile!

Snowmen- Number rhyme

There were 5 little snowmen,
Each with scarf and woolly hat,
Out came the sun
And...melted...one;
It's sad - but that was that!

There were 4 little snowmen, etc

There are no little snowmen,
Just scarves and woolly hats,
Sitting in a puddle
In a very wet muddle;
It's sad - but that is that!

Piggy on the railway
(Action rhyme)

Piggy on the railway
Picking up stones
(Pretend to pick up stones)
Along came an engine
And broke poor Piggy's
bones.
*(Smash fist into palm of
other hand)*

"Oh!" said Piggy,
(Look sad)

"That's not fair!"

"Oh!" said the engine
driver,

"I don't care!"

*(Shake head from side to
side as we say I-don't-care)*

**Here is a steam-
roller**

(Action rhyme)

Here is a steam-
roller, rolling and
rolling,
Ever so slowly be-
cause of its load.
First it clanks up
to the top of the
hill,
Puffing and pant-
ing it has to stand
still;

Then it rolls...all
the way down!
*(Roll fists around
each other slowly
upwards, then*

Crossing the street -action rhyme

Stop, look and listen

*(Shade eyes with hand and look from side to
side)*

Before you cross the street.

First you use your eyes, then ears,

Before you use your feet.

(Point to eyes, ears and feet in turn)

Welcome back and Thank you

- ◆ We hope that you all had a very enjoyable Christmas holiday and that you enjoyed watching the Christmas DVD. Here's to a great spring term ahead!
- ◆ A big 'Thank you' on behalf of the Salvation Army for your fantastic support of the Family Appeal. The two Captains Macmillan were very appreciative of our efforts.
- ◆ Thank you again to everyone for their lovely Christmas gifts to all the staff. Your kindness is much appreciated.
- ◆ Mrs Trudy Cooper is no longer working with us in the Nursery. Mrs Heather Harkin has temporarily moved from the Primary School and will be with us until June.

How you can help this month

- ◆ Please send in items for the colour table and any items related to our Transport/Journeys topic to make our 'Interest table' as interesting as possible. Items of interest could include photos of a journey made, toy vehicles, maps, train/plane tickets, relevant stories...
- ◆ The new parent helper rota for this term is on the parents' noticeboard. Please fill in your name for a slot this term if you feel that you would like to be involved in this way. Parent helpers usually play table-top games with the children or read stories. Please talk to a member of staff if you would like to help but are unsure about something.

Jo Jingles

Further sessions of Jo Jingles have been booked for the next 4 Mondays. We are asking for a contribution of £5 per child towards the cost of this. Please send this in an envelope marked with your child's name and 'Jo Jingles' next Monday, January 11th. Thank you very much.

Dates for your diary:

- Pamela, a **Road Safety Officer** from the Western Education and Library Board, is coming to visit us on Tuesday 19th January. She will talk about keeping safe when in the car, on their bikes, and generally when out and about-holding hands, wearing bright clothing, advice when crossing the road etc. Please try to remember to ask your child about this afterwards to reinforce safety issues.
- We have arranged to take the children to the cinema in **Enniskillen on Friday 22nd January**. On this occasion we need parents to drop off at, and pick up from, the cinema. We will need some extra supervision, so if you are available to come with us, please let us know as soon as possible. Please return the permission slip enclosed with this newsletter as soon as possible.
- If your child is due for P1 in September 2010, please ensure that you have filled in and returned the application form for primary school-these were sent home with the children in December. These must be returned by **12 noon on Wednesday 20th January**. Likewise, parents of children returning to Nursery for a second year in September 2010 **must reapply** and must have their forms in to the school by the same date.



More dates for your diary:

- ♦ An open day for prospective parents and children will take place in the Primary school and Nursery next Tuesday, January 12th from 10:30 until 11:30am. If you know anyone who may be interested in a nursery place for their child, please let them know. The open day in the Primary School is a preliminary one, which will be followed by another after the new school opens. Our children in Nursery, who are starting in Lisbellaw Primary School in September will have ample opportunity to visit the new school in the summer term, and they may also visit the school with you for the later open day in April if you so wish.
- ♦ The library will start again this week. Please remember that the parents' library is also available. Books may be borrowed at any time for up to a 2-week period. The books are on display in the porch.
- ♦ Mid year parent-teacher meetings will take place on **Tuesday 9th and Wednesday 10th February 2010**. Appointments for these will be sent out during January. If you have **any preference** regarding the day please let a member of staff know so every effort can be made to work out a schedule which suits everyone. Thank you.
- ♦ A reminder that due to the earlier than expected move to the new Primary School premises, we have to change some of our teacher training dates, which affects the children's holidays from Nursery. The children will now attend Nursery on Friday 12th February, but Nursery will be closed to the children on Thursday 25th and Friday 26th February.

