

# Circles, Cycles and Wheels

## Class 3 Information

Dear Parents,

The children are settling into their new class well and are trying very hard to meet their new challenges.

Our topic this term is Art focussed. It will be based on a painting by Robert Delaunay – The joy of Life. The children will experiment with colour mixing, shape and patterns and work towards producing their own art work based on wheels and circles.



In literacy we will continue working on phonics each day as well as grammar and punctuation. We will study books involving bicycles starting with Mrs Armitage on Wheels. We will write our own stories about bicycles and descriptions of bicycles. We will write information pieces and reports connected to the History of bicycles and wheels.



In Maths we will concentrate on understanding number and place value and how we can use this to calculate. We will also work on learning number facts to help with calculations. We will look at shape connected with Art work and measure in connection to science investigations.

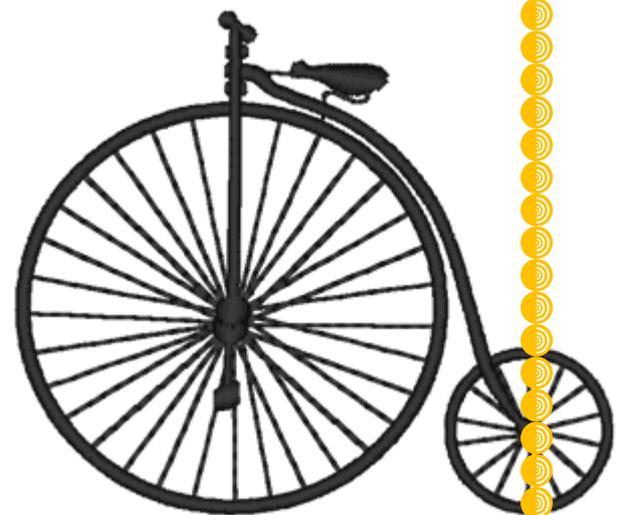
In Science we will work scientifically investigating ramps and vehicles. We will also study materials, their uses and suitability.

In History we will study transport and with a focus on bicycles. We will visit Milton Keynes museum on September 30th to help us with this. A letter will be sent shortly about the trip.

In Geography we will use the story The Magic Bicycle by Brian Pattern to learn about continents and oceans and famous landmarks.

ICT will be used in all curriculum areas and we will learn how to keep safe on the internet as well as about algorithms and debugging.

Spellings will be given on a Monday for children to practise at home on the Look Cover Write Check sheet. They will be tested on a Friday and so must have their yellow spelling book in school on Fridays. The children will shortly be given mental maths practice to work on at home. They will also receive maths, reading and writing targets to share with you. Reading books will be changed at least twice a week. Please read with your child as often as possible and record in their reading record books.



PE is inside on Monday and outside on Tuesday. Please send your child with a sweatshirt and joggers when the weather becomes cooler..

Please can the children bring a water bottle with water, not juice in, each day. Children are provided with a piece of fruit for snack each day and are encouraged to try it, so it is not necessary for them to bring one from home.

All children should bring a book bag, not a rucksack, to school. As we still go into bags to put in letters and change books it is far easier having them in a box together and the bigger bags don't fit. They can save the rucksacks for KS2

We will let you know shortly which morning will be our sharing morning, where you can share your child's work and help with their feedback marking.

We will be holding an information evening for year 1 and 2 parents on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> October at 6pm. Please put this date in your diaries as we would like to see as many of you as possible. The purpose is to inform you about the changes in the curriculum and the assessments at the end of year 2. The aim is to help you understand more about what we are doing and how you can best support your child at home.

Finally, homework this week is to bring in a photograph of their bike if they have one, if not another wheeled vehicle they may have would do. Please also help them to look at it carefully so that they can describe it in detail. They can note the colours, the material it is made from, its measurements- height, size of wheels etc. This homework needs to be in on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> September.

I am sure we will have an exciting and productive term. If you have any worries or concerns no matter how small, please do not hesitate to contact one of us.

Yours sincerely

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