

# Classroom News



Class Name: Blaise

Term: Spring 1 2022-2023

Topic: Transport

## What we have been learning this term:

## Some photos of us!

We started this term by welcoming in the new year. After using our hands to explore PVA glue we chose a balloon filled with glitter which was popped over our paper following a countdown, we then stuck on the numbers for 2023 using a painted handprint for the zero. This activity allowed us to experience anticipation as well as mark making and sensory play. It was a lot of fun.

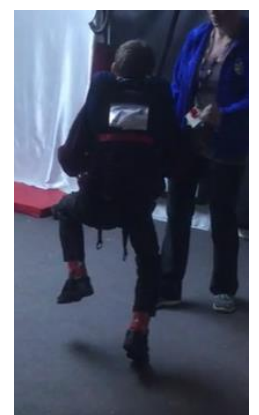
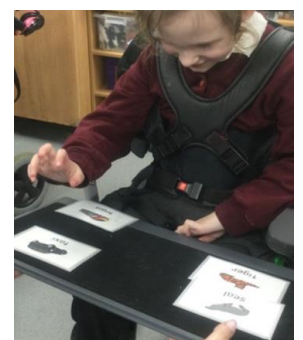
In honour of our transport topic we have been reading the story 'You Can't take an Elephant on the Bus' which has been turned in to a sensory story to alert the senses. The pupils have been, bouncing, squeezing, splashing, rolling, stretching, moving fast, had deep pressure and have explored a cold, messy, scented cornflour mix (oobleck ice cream) to wake their bodies. We have also used this opportunity to encourage some reading skills from our symbol users who have been experiencing how to match the animals to their transport.

In cooking we have blended colourful fruits to make frozen traffic-light smoothies where we all used a switch to activate the blender after feeling, smelling and in some cases tasting the various fruits.

We have also used paints and a soundboard covered in paper to roll toy cars and trucks down, and ridden our chairs over bubble wrap on paint to print our wheel movements and made ocean bottles.

In Let's Connect we have been using pullback cars over a big bass drum, dancing to the wheels on the bus, activating a hairdryer, releasing filled balloons, and exploring bicycle bells and spinning, light-up toys with the movement verbs 'spin' 'press' 'pull' 'release' 'move'.

The pupils have all been working hard on their physio targets daily as well as in Rebound and Hydro and many have enjoyed taking steps and standing in their new standing slings from the ceiling hoist. We have seen some amazing progress in leg strength and reciprocal stepping as a result – we are very proud of them all.



## Dates & Points to remember:

Last day of term: Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February  
 First day back: Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February  
 World Book Day: Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March  
 Last day of term: Friday 31<sup>st</sup> April