



Are we there yet?

January 2021

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome back - A Happy New Year to you all. We hope you all had a wonderful Christmas and some time to rest and recharge ready for the Spring Term at school! It feels quite futuristic writing 2021! School will look very different for this half term with some of you in school and the rest of you doing your learning at home. Please remember through all of this that we are here to help you. Do what you can, and what works for you as a family. All children in Reception are at the perfect age to be fabulously unpredictable and it will be perfectly normal to have some good days and some that feel like not a lot of learning has taken place.

This half term our topic focus is 'Are we there yet?'. Are you ready for an adventure? Where in the world could we go? How could we travel there? It's time to discover transport, travel and places near and far! The world may feel 'CLOSED' at the moment but the children don't need to know that and can be brilliantly creative and inventive.

There will be lots of ideas sent home for you to dip in and out of that link to our topic as well as covering the basic phonics, literacy, mathematics and personal development.

Take a look at our Creative Learning Journey as it will show you the areas of our Early Years Curriculum that we will be focusing on whether you are at home or at school.

For those children in school, maybe you can help - we have a wish list of items that would really enhance our learning in class and if you have any you could donate...perhaps you are having a post-Christmas clear out!... then please do bring them in where we will 'quarantine' them before putting them into the classroom. These items include:

- toy vehicles (not 'toddler' ones) such as cars, buses, helicopters etc
- vehicle posters
- car garages/fire stations etc
- Vehicle story books or information books
- Old travel brochures or tickets or signs
- Postcards from around the world
- Small suitcases

PE - after the February Half Term (when we hope some normality will return) we will be starting more formal PE session so you may wish to get hold of PE kits - Green Chidham PE t-shirt, plain black shorts/leggings/joggers and trainers (these can be any colour)

Finally, if you have any photos of the children on a holiday (this could be close to home as a local campsite/beach/park or an exotic destination) we would love to make a display board with all the journeys the children have been on. Even better if the photo shows a different mode of transport they travelled on! If you are at home you could email these to us at cherry@chidham.w-sussex.sch.uk and we can add them to our display.

The Cherry Team

