

# LITTLE GEMS NEWSLETTER



EVERYONE MATTERS  
EVERYONE ACHIEVES

Spring 1 Week 3

## Our learning this week...

This week our ready, set go, adventure is taking us on an exploration of different modes of transport and looking at old vs. new vehicles. We are reading the Story 'Mr Gumpy's Motor Car' and following along as he sets off with everyone and the animals in his car. At the start of the week we will be using props to act out the story and the children will play different roles, we will be drawing monochrome pictures of old vehicles, we will be using different shape sponges to paint print different vehicles and making our own hot air balloons. We are also going to be doing lots of counting this week and really working on number recognition. Last week we started introducing the children to which house they are in! They have all been told which colour group they are in (red, yellow, green or blue) and we have been using these groups to do different tasks during the day. You may have seen on Class Dojo some of the children getting points for good group work!! We are using this to continue to work on our PSED and working well with others!

## Notices...

### Phonics

Our nursery children have been enjoying exploring phonics together. Each week we focus on just one new sound, helping the children learn to hear it clearly and say it aloud with confidence. Through fun games, songs and stories, the children are beginning to recognise sounds all around them.

We look forward to building these early listening and speaking skills step by step throughout the term, all the while continuing with our phase one phonics we have been doing all year!

### Congratulations!

Well done to Neve who is our next Little Gem to reach the rainbow in our Rainbow Reading Challenge! It has been great to see so many children climbing the rainbow so steadily! Great work.



## Random Act of Kindness

This week our Random Act of Kindness is...

help tidy up at home and at school!

## Language for Life

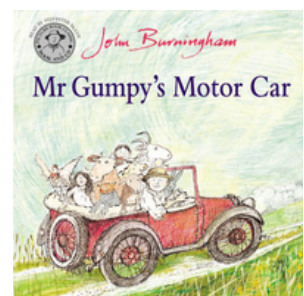
Our Language for Life focus this week is...

Many and few!

## Texts

Our focus text for this week is....

Mr Gumpy's Motor Car by John Birmingham



## Sound of the week...



## Dates for your diary...

-Week beginning 2<sup>nd</sup>  
February - Parents evening week.

-Whole-school interhouse run - Friday  
6<sup>th</sup> February