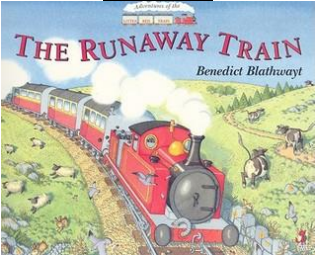


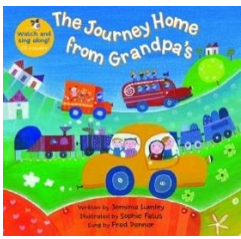


**Reception Topic Overview – Spring 1**

**How can we travel around our city?**

Birmingham is a major national transport hub in our country. Our pupils have some experiences of using the local trains, trams and buses to travel around the city. There is a local train station in Perry Barr, which is within walking distance from the school, and Birmingham New Street Station is a short drive away. There are also trams which run across the city and many of our children have experiences of using these. Birmingham also has a canal network and narrowboats are used. We are also lucky to have Birmingham International Airport a short drive away. During this topic, we will be exploring children's experiences of using these different modes of transport to travel across our city. Some of our children may not have experienced travelling on the local narrowboats or going on an aeroplane. We will therefore learn more about these different vehicles and discover the different places that we can travel to. Our children will also learn more about Birmingham through this topic and will develop a good understanding of their city. They will learn how to read maps and will investigate how the city has changed over time. They will also have the opportunity to learn more about local attractions.

<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Core Text</u></b></p>  <p>This half term, the children will be reading 'The Runaway Train'. They will be learning about a train journey and the different things that they might see on the way. They will also be given the opportunity to reflect on their own experiences of travelling on trains as well as other modes of transport. The children will be fully immersed in this topic and the classroom areas will provide opportunities for the children to share their experiences. The role play area will be transformed into a train station for the children to develop and apply their knowledge and understanding of the topic.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Whole School Value</u></b></p> 	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Concepts to Explore</u></b></p> <p>Transport, travel, trains, cars, buses, trams, narrowboats, aeroplanes, train stations, airports, vehicles, map reading, Birmingham city, local attractions, pollution</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Key Vocabulary</u></b></p> <p>Transport, travel, train, car, bus, tram, narrowboat, aeroplane, station, airport, Birmingham, vocabulary, map, place, city, town, village, country, land, sea, air, rail</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Characteristics of Effective Learning</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Plan and think ahead about how they will explore or play</li> <li>• Guide their own thinking and actions by referring to visual aids</li> <li>• Bring their own interests and fascinations into play</li> <li>• Respond to new experiences</li> <li>• Correct mistakes</li> <li>• Keep on trying</li> </ul>
	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Additional Enhancement Texts</u></b></p>  	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Core Rhymes and Songs</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Row Row Row Your Boat</li> <li>• Choo Choo Train</li> <li>• The Wheels on the Bus</li> <li>• The Passengers Got on Two by Two</li> <li>• The Transport Song</li> <li>• The Train Journey</li> </ul>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Experiences/Enrichment</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Virtual experience on a train, aeroplane, bus.</li> <li>• Train station role play</li> <li>• Sharing holiday photos and experiences</li> <li>• Chinese New Year</li> </ul>	

*Note: A breakdown of the skills and knowledge that will be taught this half term is in our progression documents.*