

## Monday 8<sup>th</sup> October to Friday 12<sup>th</sup> October

Here is an overview of some of the activities we will be doing this week.

### **English**

We will complete our 'Talk for Writing' unit following the story *'Duck in the Truck'* by Jez Alborough. This week, the children will create their own stories using the outline of the focus text as their starting point. The children have already created their characters, so they will now plan them into the skeleton of their story. They will then write their own versions of *'Duck in the Truck'*. The process is very supportive, with children rehearsing and writing one section at a time, to enable them to focus on the details of each part of their story.

### **Handwriting, phonics and spelling**

In handwriting, we will learn the cursive script for the letters **e**, **s**, and **p**.

In phonics, we will focus on the alternative spellings of the **oa** (toad) and **ow** (glow) and **oe** (toe) sounds.

Our 3 tricky word spellings will be:

**wild**, **climb** and **most**

Your child will be expected to spell these correctly by the end of the week.

### **Maths**

This week we will start by focusing on the subtraction symbol and its meaning. We will solve subtraction problems by 'finding the difference' (rather than 'taking away'). We will use Cuisenaire rods to understand how we can calculate the difference between two numbers. Children will then solve a range of subtraction word problems, as well as creating their own.

### **Topic**

This week, we will talk about how we travel to school and if we use any transport to get there. We will design maps for our journey, including any landmarks we pass.

### **Music**

In music, we will focus on **pulse**. Children will play a game called '2 pats, gap' where they will keep a steady pulse and say their name at the correct time. We will also play a game called 'sound detective' where children will play an instrument to guide a detective to a hidden object.

**Reminders:** We will be going on our first Year 2 trip to the London Transport Museum on the following dates:

**Wednesday 17th October – 2R and 2P**

**Thursday 18th October – 2O and 2B**