Play & Learning Newsletter

24th- 28th April 2023

**Journey, aeroplane, train, campervan, destination, vehicle**

Wonder words to use with your child:

This week the children have been talking about journeys and the different forms of transport we could use to go on them. We have used the stories ‘The Train Ride’ and ‘Maisy’s Bus’ to promote discussions as to where they would like to go on a journey to. The Starfish children have used a variety of vehicles to support their love of singing, for example songs about tractors, boats, aeroplanes, trains and cars.

The children have enjoyed using the top room as a train station, and lining up the chairs to make a train. They have been very imaginative in deciding where the train will take them, including up to space!! A well as vocabulary and language, role play helps develop communication skills as they communicate with each other, role play is the most effective way of acquiring language.

***Sounds and Letters/language focus: The Flying Fish have been using magnetic letters to practice making their names, and using the song sack to assess if they can complete lines in nursery rhymes (supporting rhyming awareness and knowledge of rhymes.***



***The Starfish have really developed their listening skills and are becoming more confident when clapping out syllables in names of objects.***

 **Out & About sessions: This week the Flying Fish have visited Illogan woods where they became detectives; identifying plants and leaves and using 5 frames to count how many they can identify.**

Ideas to support your child at home:

Try to encourage awareness and knowledge of rhymes by singing a variety of nursery rhymes and songs with your child/children. You can miss out some words or even lines of rhymes to see if they could fill in the gaps.