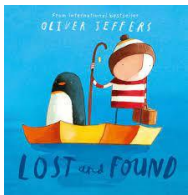


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Curriculum Area	Areas to be taught in school	Possible activities to be done at home
Communication & Language	<p>The children will continue to talk about stories & events. They will learn to re-tell stories & recall events in the correct order.</p> <p>They will learn to connect ideas using a range of connectives such as, 'and', 'but', 'then.'</p> <p>They will learn new vocabulary linked to the topic & use this in different contexts.</p>	<p>Share stories containing different modes of transport to your child & ask them questions about the story, such as: Who are the characters? How is the character feeling? What do you think might happen next?</p> <p>Have fun re-telling & acting out stories.</p> <p>Encourage your child to add more detail when re-telling stories & events.</p>
Personal, Social & Emotional Development	<p>The children will discuss what makes them happy and what makes them proud. They will learn to express their needs and wants in a calm manner.</p> <p>The children will also learn about basic hygiene, such as handwashing.</p>	<p>Talk to your child about what makes them happy. Talk to them about the word 'proud'. Share with them what makes you proud and ask them what makes them proud.</p>
Physical Development	<p>In PE, we will be exploring throwing using underarm and overarm techniques, as well as developing catching skills. We will also be using apparatus and exploring high and low movements.</p>	<p>Take your child to a park & let them practise climbing & balancing.</p> <p>Practise throwing and catching games with different sized balls.</p>
Literacy 	<p>We will be reading a range of books related to our topic including: Elmer in the Snow, Mr Gumpy's Motor Car, Amazing Aeroplanes, Lost and Found, Oi! Get off my Train and The Train Ride. The children will continue to develop their letter formation & to recognise the sounds taught in phonics, such as ai, ee, igh, oa, oo. They will also continue to read & write words using these sounds and use them in a simple sentence.</p>	<p>Give your child lots of opportunities to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Practise writing their name; • Practise writing the letters of the alphabet; • Read their school reading book to an adult.

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<p>Mathematics</p>	<p>The children will develop their understanding of numbers within 8 including simple addition. We will also be combining groups and learning the meaning of 'altogether'. The children will be learning about length, weight & capacity too.</p>	<p>Explore different ways of making the number 8 such as 3 plus 5. Compare the length & weight of objects using the terms: longer, shorter, heavier, lighter. Explore capacity in the bath using a range of containers of different size.</p>
<p>Understanding the World</p>	<p>The children will be exploring floating/sinking & freezing/melting. They will learn about Chinese New Year and think about the Chinese culture. We will explore the word 'special' and look at several special religious books.</p>	<p>Let your child explore which objects float & which objects sink. During the cold weather, discuss freezing and melting. Talk about what is special to them and how we treat special objects.</p>
<p>Expressive Arts & Design</p>	<p>The children will learn a range of gross & fine motor skills through activities linked to our 'Journeys' topic. These will include making a boat that floats and making a Chinese dragon. We will consider the work of the artist, Kerry Darlington and use this to inspire our own 'Tree of Life'.</p>	<p>Give your child opportunities to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Make a train from a range of shapes; • Make a car from recyclable materials; • Make a boat that floats.

