Dear Parents,

Our transport theme moves onto train journeys this week. Do talk to your child about any train journeys you have made before and read them any train stories that you may have at home. We will be reading several train stories in school and would welcome the children to bring in any that they may have at home. At the end of the week, we will make a class version of 'The Train Ride' story.

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The countdown to Christmas has begun in Acorn class. We will be making our Christmas decorations this week to sell at the Christmas Fair. We hope to see you all at the Christmas Fair on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December where you will have the amazing opportunity to buy our wonderful crafts. We will also be starting our nativity rehearsals. We will be working on our singing skills, learning to follow stage directions and of course honing our acting skills!

In phonics this week, we will be learning the sounds sh, th, ng, nk and will be practising the harder and read and spell words push, pull, to, go and into.

In maths this week, the children will build on their understanding of the composition of numbers by investigating the composition of 3, 4 and 5. Composing and de-composing numbers involves the children investigating part-part-whole relations, e.g. seeing that 3 can be composed of 1 and 2. Through practical experience, they will consolidate their understanding of a whole being made up of smaller parts. They will begin to recognise that numbers can be made by combining parts in different ways.

We look forward to seeing you at Parents evening on Monday and Wednesday. Best Wishes,

Claudine Clarke and Megan Tonkyn

