

Topic, Autumn 2: 'Are we there yet?'

What the Indication Station told us...

Our Indication Station gives children the opportunity to explore, discuss, ask questions about and demonstrate their prior knowledge of an upcoming topic. We use the observations of the children around the Indication Station to determine what we will cover during the topic.

- The children were particularly interested in the helicopter
- They showed **some** knowledge of vehicles being used for rescue
- There were misconceptions about modes of transport boarding others eg, a car boarding a ferry, helicopter landing on a ship, seaplane landing in the sea.
- The children enjoyed making tunnels and bridges for their vehicles.
- Lots of children thought the Railroad Crossing Lights were traffic lights
- The children's railway vocabulary often linked to Thomas the Tank Engine.
- Some children were knowledgeable about the names and functions of building site vehicles.
- Children linked the aeroplane to travelling for a holiday.

What we will cover following observations from the Indication Station...

- Railway safety
- Railway vocabulary
- Rescue vehicles
- Ferries, seaplanes, channel tunnel.
- Helicopters and other flying vehicles
- Explore famous bridges and tunnels used by vehicles

Useful books, texts, rhymes

- The runaway train song
- The Naughty Bus
- 'Go Facts' books

Other possible opportunities

- Visit from a rescue vehicle
- Visit The Runway Visitors centre at Manchester Airport