



Walk to School Month October 2016

*Healthy, happy children.
Less congestion at the school gate.*

Here are some activities to do with pupils at your school this October.

I spy



Work with a partner to write a list of things that you might spot on your journey to school.

Poetry corner

Write a poem about your school journey.

Story board

Ask the pupils to draw a storyboard of their journey to school. Then ask them to compare their journey with a partner. What is the best part of their journey?

Maths matters

Complete a class survey of how pupils in the class travel to school. Display the results in different ways e.g. bar chart, pictogram.

Poster

Work in groups to produce a poster about the benefits of walking, cycling or scooting to school. Remember that walking to school is great exercise but also gives you time to chat and notice interesting things on the way to school.

Is your school a STAR? National School Travel Awards

Modeshift STARS is a national schools awards scheme that has been established to recognise schools that have demonstrated excellence in supporting walking, cycling and other forms of sustainable transport. The scheme encourages schools right across the country to join a major effort to increase levels of sustainable and active travel and in doing so, improve the health, safety and well-being of children and the whole school community.

The nature of STARS is that it allows any type of school to gain a national award, so long as you show commitment to supporting walking, cycling and other forms of sustainable transport. In doing so you will be eligible to work towards achieving national accreditation. There are three levels, Bronze Silver or Gold and those schools achieving accreditation will receive a special plaque and a dated certificate every year, plus dated logo to add to their headed paper or school merchandise. Most schools that actively encourage walking, cycling and scooting may find that they are well on the way towards the Bronze award already. Bikeability and JRSO activities and walk to school weeks definitely count. Through participating in the scheme you automatically keep your travel plan up to date.

Some schools in North Yorkshire have already started working towards their award; will your school be joining them?

www.modeshiftstars.org

NYCC Road Safety and Travel Awareness Team are available to support your school to help you to get going on the scheme. Just let me know if you would like to participate, or simply would like to know more.

I look forward to hearing from you soon.

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