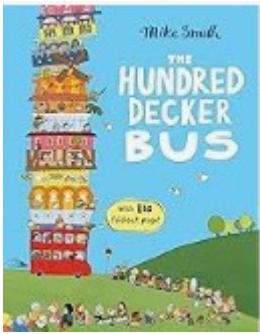


# Year 1 Newsletter Spring 2026



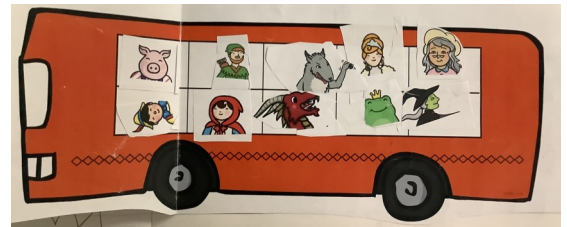
Year 1 have had two exciting text drivers this half term. The first one was 'The Hundred Decker Bus' where we came to school to participate in a scavenger hunt around school looking for clues before finding the book. Our next story was found in a treasure chest outside and is called 'Are you the Pirate Captain?'



During these text-drivers we have designed and made cars in Design Technology, looked at transport of the past and present in History and we will be learning some pirate songs in music.

## Literacy

In our writing we have been focussing on punctuation, ensuring we include full stops, capital letters and finger spaces in our writing. The children are getting very good and saying what they are going to write before writing it, and are practising reading their writing back to friends.



We have been learning about how to write lists and what they can be used for. The children wrote their own list of objects that they would need if they were a pirate and will be building on this vocabulary by writing reasons as to why they would make a good pirate. They also used their reasoning skills within oracy activities to sit fairy tale characters next to each other on a bus and explain the reasons why.

**Maths** - In maths this term we have been learning about addition and subtraction within 20. Please continue to support your child's confidence in recognising and writing numbers 0-20. This can be through counting the cars on the walk / drive home, counting in the bath as they pop the bubbles, or how many peas they eat with their dinner! The children have also been learning about the 4 seasons, days of the week and months of the year through songs.

**Reading at home** - Please read with your child as much as possible as they are making brilliant progress. The children are re-assessed each half term therefore the more they read, the more likely they are to move into a new group.

## Important dates:

Please don't forget our Pirate themed day on Friday 13th February 2026 where the children are invited to come dressed as a pirate.

Mrs Fullwood's assembly will be Friday 13th March at 2.20pm.

Parents are invited to come and watch.

