

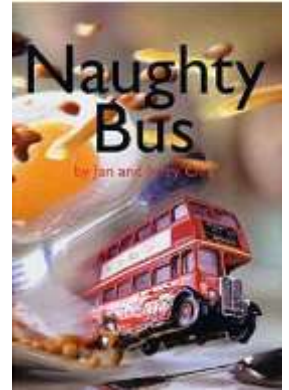


May 2024

**Our topic this half term is...**

‘Here We Go!’

We are exploring different modes of transport and how this has developed over history. We will be looking at the first flight of the Wright Brothers and the development of the aeroplane. Our **focus book for this half term** is ‘*Naughty Bus*’ by Jan and Jerry Oke. We will be using this book as the basis for our writing and for thinking about how to devise our own version of the story.



In maths we will be looking at place value to 100. We will also be introducing the concept of money.

In phonics we will be preparing the children for the Phonics Screen Check. We will continue our daily phonics lessons with an extra focus on phonemes that have been identified as being harder to recognise. We will also be continuing to use our phonetic knowledge in our writing – focusing on composition of a sentence and checking that it makes sense.

PE continues to be outdoors (Thursday for 1R, Wednesday for 1MC) where we will be looking at athletic activities in preparation for sports day. Indoor PE will be swimming (Tuesday for 1R, Thursday for 1MC). You will have received an email regarding information about swimming.

In RE, the children will be learning about stories from different faiths. They will be working to understand these stories and what they can learn from them.

In PSHE we will be talking about working together. We will be developing our communication skills and finding new ways of collaborating. We will also be recognising and celebrating some of the strengths, emotions, gifts and talents of the children.

In Art we will be following Access Art’s **pathway called ‘Making Birds’**. We will be using a variety of tools to draw different parts of birds. We will then be working towards making a 3D bird of our own.

We encourage you to discuss any of these areas with your children before, during or after our topic, as children and young people say that they greatly value being able to talk to their parents and carers about their learning.

We are very grateful for all of your support as we work together to support the children in their learning. Please do continue to talk to us about your child’s needs.

Yours sincerely,

The Year 1 Team