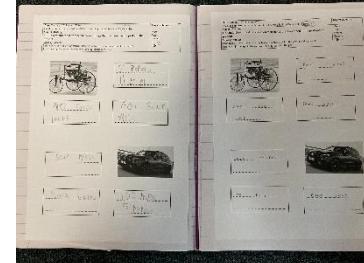
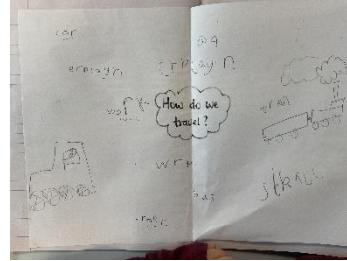
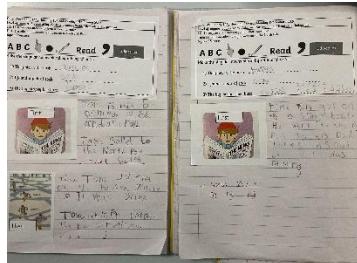




# Year 1 News

## 16<sup>th</sup> January 2026



### What we've been learning recently

**English** – We have been reading “The Great Explorer” by Chris Judge. We wrote questions for the explorer in the story, learnt about adjectives, created a list of things an explorer would need using adjectives to describe and then used our sequence skills to write a short version of the story. We are now seeing some great examples of independent sentence writing.

**Maths** – We are currently learning about place value to 20 and have been counting to 20 forwards and backwards and from different numbers. We then explored numbers 11 to 20, looking at how the numbers were made up of one ten and a number of ones. We have used various resources to practice making these numbers.

**Wider Curriculum** – We started the new term with Computing where we explored a program called “Sketchpad”. We learnt about the different tools and experimented with them, creating some digital artwork. This week, we have been Historians and are learning about how travel has changed from the past. We have been studying pictures of different types of transport from past and present, including the sedan chair which was invented 4000 years ago!

### Over the next fortnight we will be...

- Learning about Emperor penguins, using the text “The Emperor’s Egg” in English.
- Continuing our learning in Maths of numbers to 20 before moving on to addition and subtraction within 20.
- Learning about the history of cars and flight in History, including finding out who Amelia Earhart was.

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### Important Notices

**WOW day for Year 1 – Friday 6<sup>th</sup> February** - To celebrate the end of our learning about Emperor Penguins. Full details to follow shortly.

**Year 1 Stay and Learn – Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> February** - Please come and join us for a session of learning in the school hall. It should last around 45 minutes.

### Shining Stars

Congratulations to our Shining Stars from the last two weeks for demonstrating our school values.

**1B – Beatie, Bo, Ivar, Hopanda**

**1W – Reuben, Ada, Frankie, Rosie**