

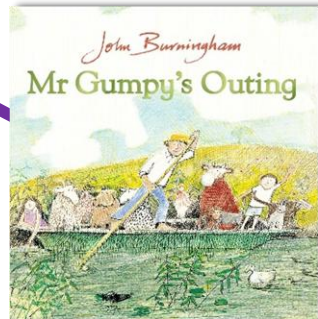
# Year R Learning News



A big hello to our Year R families! We have continued with our transport topic, and this week we have been thinking about boats, ships and other vehicles that travel on water. We looked at boats from the past and compared it to boats we might see today on the River Thames. We have also been making our own boats out of tin foil and seeing how many toy people and animals they could hold before sinking. We were shocked at how much our boats could carry!

Today, to end our transport topic on a high, we had a visit from a wonderful old routemaster bus (see below for the details!). If you are looking for a fun trip in the half-term that will enhance our transport topic, why not visit Brooklands Museum. They have a wonderful collection of cars, buses and planes from throughout history and there is even a real Concorde plane to explore.

As always, we are so proud of everything the children have achieved so far at school- they are amazing! The YR team would like to wish you all a very happy half term!



## Book of the Week:

This week, we have enjoyed a children's classic by John Burningham, *Mr Gumpy's Outing*. In the story, Mr Gumpy decides to take a trip along the river in his boat, but the children, the rabbit, the cat, the pig and lots more friends decide to join him...with disastrous results! We have acted out the story, created story maps and retold it in our own words. We also retold the story when making our own tinfoil boats, seeing how many animals we could keep afloat!

Today, the children were delighted Naughty Bus came to visit Carlisle Infants! We met Bob who told us all about the bus, where it travelled and how buses had changed over the years. We sat on the top deck, whilst Bob rang the bell and we were even given our own special ticket to keep. We tried on some of the old hats the conductors wore and we impressed Bob by singing "The Wheels on the Bus" beautifully! We had a wonderful morning!





## Maths:



In maths, we have been thinking about mass. We have been comparing the mass of different objects from inside and outside the classroom and weighing them to see which is heaviest and which is lightest. We also thought about capacity – the amount a container can hold. We had a great time in the water tray testing out different containers to see which had the greatest capacity and which had the least. We have also been working hard to form our numbers correctly, singing songs to help us and using different materials to practise.



## How you can help:

As per the last newsletter, we are excited for our new topic for next half-term, ***Everyday Heroes: People who Help us***. We will also be thinking about the jobs we might like to do when we grow-up. **We would love to have lots of grown-ups come in to talk to the children about their jobs.** If you would be willing to do this, please let your class teacher know, we would be most grateful!

Please **send in a stamped addressed envelope**. Your child will need this for after half term, when we will be thinking about people who help us with post and deliveries.

## Staffing

You will hopefully have received an email informing you of the rotation of our wonderful TAs. Next term our TAs will be in the following classes:

- Ms Barclay in Turtle Class
- Mrs Shera in Seahorse Class
- Mrs Oliver & Miss B in Penguin Class.

