

**Make sure you have read 'The Mysteries of Harris Burdick – Introduction' first.**

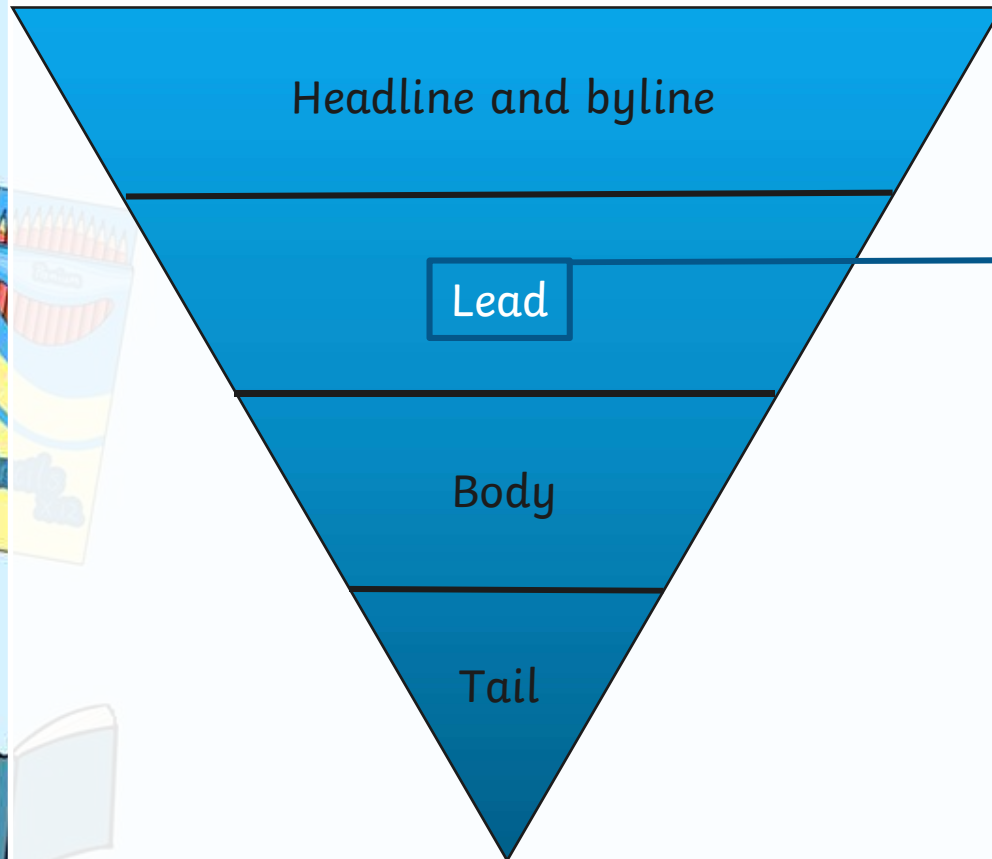
This week you will be working on a newspaper report detailing the events detailed in the introduction to the book.

You last write a news report in December, so there will be reminders each day to help you produce each section.





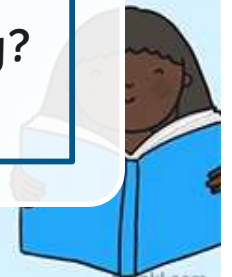
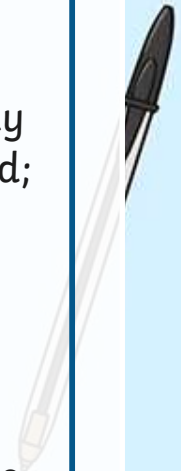
# Lead



For a good lead paragraph, you need to;

- Make the paragraph short and snappy so that it briefly explains what has happened;
- Ensure that, even if the reader stopped reading at this point, they would still know roughly what happened;
- Use past tense in most cases;
- Make sure the first paragraph answers as many of these six questions as you can –

**Who? What? Where? Why?  
When? How?**



# Example

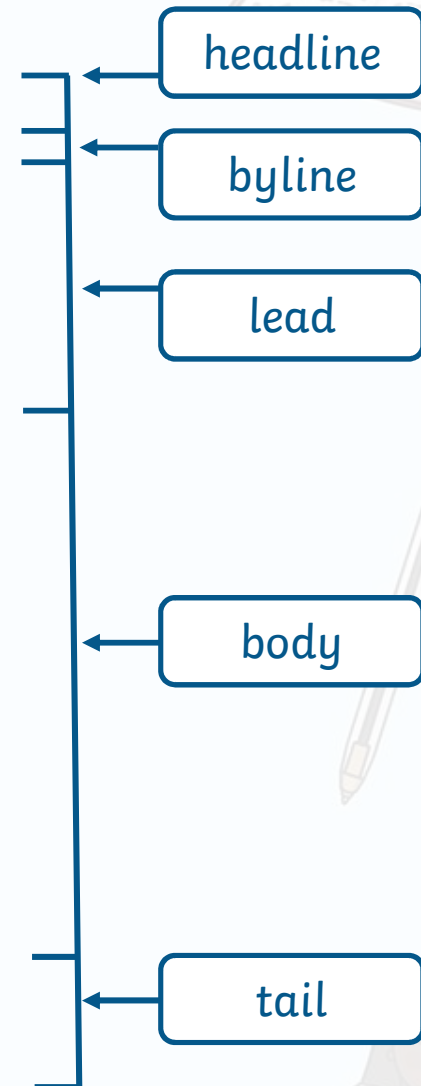
## School Children Raise Funds for Local Charity

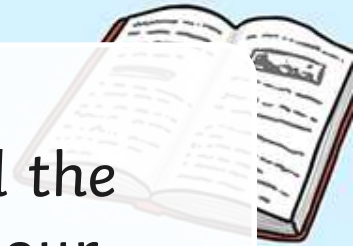
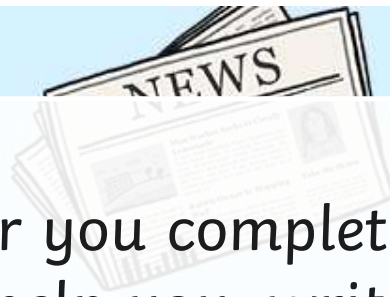
Frances Trackall, Education reporter

A small group of Year 5 students from Arkwood Primary School have created a brilliant plan to raise money for a local charity that assists people in the community. Following a visit to the school from a charity representative, the students set out to create a way of raising much needed funds.

The students presented the fundraising idea to school principal Mrs Justine Knight, who saw great potential in the plan to sell produce from the school's vegetable garden to local restaurants and, in turn, raise money for the local charity. She stated that 'the children have displayed a true sense of community in their fundraising plan.' Following a meeting with teachers, it is hoped that the students can begin to implement the four phase plan. 'The school would support students wholly in the fund raising venture,' Mrs Knight added.

The school plans to sell the garden produce to two local restaurants, beginning in early September. For more information on this fundraising plan, visit the Arkwood Primary School website ([www.arkwood.sch.com](http://www.arkwood.sch.com)).





Using the planner you completed yesterday and the example text to help you, write the lead in to your newspaper report.

Remember, the lead should give me enough information to get me interested and should cover the who, where, when and why of the story.

