

The Borders Partnership of Primary Schools Barnby & North Cove Primary School Weekly Newsletter



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# **Reading Champions**

Here are our Reading Champions this week!

Special Congratulations to George and Billy who received their free book this week as winners of the Lucky draw!

This week our Reading Champions are:

Acorn Class - Billy

Oak Class - James

Willow Class - Darcey

Chestnut Class - George

Well done to all - 'Keep Reading!' - we are continually impressed with the amount of children who are reading at least 5 times a week!

## **BNC News**

Your child has been assigned a new activity on Learning Pi.

Please visit <u>www.LearningPi.org</u> and log in to your account to see your child's activity.

Your child has two weeks to complete this activity before we move onto our reflections. If there is not a stated format for the children to create their responses, then it is a free choice. Some children enjoy being quite creative and making posters or powerpoint presentations whereas others prefer a written response. The process, engagement and conversation in these activities are what counts.

If you have any questions then please contact your children's teacher for advice.

Our week has been filled with multiplication. We have been making and finding equal groups and then finding totals. We have used cubes to help us see our equal groups. We have also been counting in twos to support our understanding of the 2 x table.

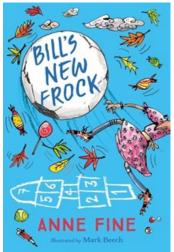
We are loving our class novel 'Flat Stanley'. He has been on so many wonderful adventures. Anya and Charlotte shared books from home and we have all read the book 'The Journey' by Francesca Sanna exploring the human right of being safe. We talked about conflicts in the world and how we would feel to be a refugee. It is a very powerful book and brings up many current issues to be discussed thoughtfully. The book links to our global citizenship theme this term.

#### **Outdoor Shoes:**

Please provide a pair of outdoor shoes (wellies/ boots). Despite wiping our feet 10 times on the door mat, the sticky mud is making its way to our classroom still. A change of shoes would help immensely and our dust pan and brush would be glad of the rest!

We have had a fantastic week in Willow Class.

We have been learning all about our focus in Geography which is rivers! We looked at the world's most important rivers and we considered how they shaped not only the land around them but also their communities. We will be doing the same with our very own River Waveney and the River Rhine in Germany to compare how these two rivers and their impacts on people's lives.



We have continued to read our class novel, Bill's New Frock by Anne Fine and the children have been amazing in their insights and discussions around this fascinating story of a boy who one day wakes up to find himself in a girl's body. It has given us all an opportunity to reflect on the experiences of other as well as considering the gender stereotypes that exist in this world. This is our focus for our Global citizenship learning this week and may be the focus of some of our learning conversations. This will be particularly exciting when we shift our attention to History after half term and learn about Ancient Egypt and the roles that their queens played in society.



Finally, you will now find an updated task on Learning Pi for your child to complete. Because of the shorter term there will be less time to complete the first part of this task before moving onto reflection. However, the task that has been chosen will be manageable within this time and focuses heavily on a particular learning characteristic to support your child's development.

Next week, we will be discussing our exciting learning of philosophy in R.E!

# Message from Mr Lea – Chestnut Class

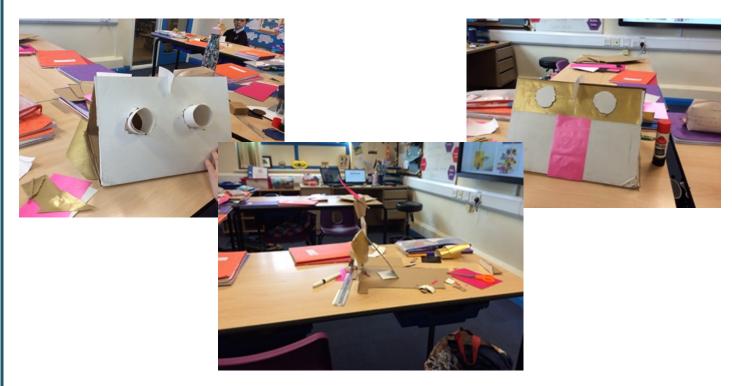
In our Whole Class Reading sessions this week we have started to read our new Class Novel - Cosmic by Frank Cottrell-Boyce. This story builds links from our Science work in the Autumn term. We are fortunate to have several copies of this book so some of us have adopted it as our reading book in class! We are all wondering how Liam ended up floating in Space! We cannot wait to find out!



Our R.E. topic is focused on exploring the resurrection of Jesus. We have begun to find out the details that led to his death, comparing the different versions from the four gospels - did you know there were differences between the accounts?

In History we have begun our study of the Mayan civilisation- this week we studied pictures of artefacts from the Mayans and tried to reason what they were used for - this was a very challenging task - we definitely found out a lot!

Our Art this half term is on 3D sculpture and led by Mrs Barber we all created items from many different pieces of cardboard. We were inspired by famous artists - we really enjoyed our task and took pride in our work!



And finally .... Chestnut class went swimming this week - thanks to all the parents and families who ensured that we had the correct kit for this activity. We look forward to seeing the progress we will make this term!