

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



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### **Reading Champions**

Welcome to our first week of Reading Champions!

Each week we will be awarding certificates in our Whole School Assembly to the pupil or pupils from each class who have made the biggest effort to read at home!

We will also recognise their achievements on a Whole School Display in school for everyone to see!

This week our Reading Champions are:

- Acorn Class Jax
- Oak Class Charlotte, Edwin and Noah
- Willow Class Elena and Hettie
- Chestnut Class Eric

We know that so many pupils are making massive efforts with the Reading since the start of term - Well done to you all!

We appreciate that family time is important and it is not always possible to hear your child read but we would like to say our thanks to all the family members who have been hearing readers! Have a great week and remember 'Keep Reading!'



### **BNC Updates**

The children would like to thank you for the kind donations we have received so far for the Guide Dog sponsorship. We are kindly asking any parents who haven't yet sponsored £1 to please donate so the children can sponsor Albus.



## Message from Miss Danks – Acorns Class

This week we have made great progress on our talk for writing story and have even turned a little bit into a song which we all thoroughly enjoyed! We have continued searching for and experiencing the signs of autumn, going on scavenger hunts to collect things for the classroom to learn with, discussing how the environment changes and talking about the animals we may find in the habitats closest to us at this time of year. If anyone would like to go on their own autumn hunt or is walking out and about in the next week we would love any conkers, acorns or interestingly coloured leaves of all shapes and sizes for the classroom.

We are making super progress in our phonics learning and are amazed that we are now able to read so many words! I have put the words we have learned together inside their book bags to practice along with the sounds we have learned. Practicing these often will support your child to continue to be phonics star! This could also make them reading champion for the week so let's get reading everybody!

Over the next couple of weeks we will be thinking about different job roles in our community and people that help us. With this in mind it would be really helpful if you could have a conversation with your child about what you do at work, if you work and why you do that job. If you wear a uniform and have any pictures, we would also love to see them!





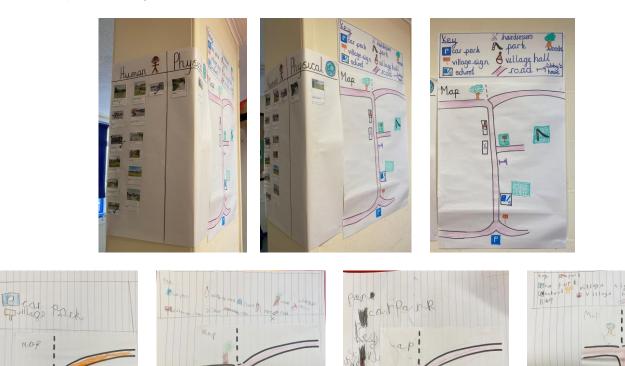






# Message from Mrs Bramwell – Oak Class

In geography we have been learning about our local area. We have used Google Maps to take a virtual tour of Barnby and North Cove looking at the human and physical features. This week we used our knowledge of our local area to add symbols to a map. By creating a key now we can help people who are not so familiar with our local area to find the park or village hall.





Willow Class have been very enthusiastic in their learning this week and have enjoyed the opportunity to write their rags to riches story. We spent the beginning of the week planning and writing our draft which was quite tricky for some to then transform it into a published story. Today we have spent some time editing and improving our stories to make sure they were written to the best of our ability.

During our maths lessons we have had great fun this week practicing our addition. We have learnt about the different approaches to addition and also spent a long time practising with place value counters and drawings. We are nearly ready to move onto our abstract method of column addition where we will then get to try some interesting problems to solve.

The children have spent time reflecting on which learning characteristics they have used in lessons this week. Many children said they had spent time building links. This has been a real key part of our learning, especially when it is time to apply our learning in the final stages of a unit.



#### Message from Mr Lea – Chestnut Class

This week the children have been expressing their poetic skills in Chestnut class. We have studied the poems of Benjamin Zephaniah - evaluating them by engaging in debates, performing them collaboratively and then attempting to use some of the subjects in the poems by building links to write our own poetry.

In Maths we are now focused on the final of the four operations - Division! We are being purposeful in our work and developing our understanding of written methods and how we write remainders as fractions.

Our study of Earth and Space this week took us to consider Space Travel and the new developments - in particular the Virgin Galactic experience and we all wrote letters, being imaginative and creative, to Mrs Scott to persuade her to allow us to go on a class trip into Space!

Thank you to all the parents who have replied regarding the proposed residential trip - asking questions and clarifying details. I look forward to informing you of the results soon!

Regards

Mr Lea



#### **Other News from BNC**

Thank you to the EYFS and KS1 parents who attended Miss Bettinson's meeting on Early reading on Friday. We hope that you found it informative and that you now feel better prepared to support your child's reading at home. Miss Bettinson would like to thank you for your engagement, conversation, questions and feedback from the session.

As promised the link to the video of the pronunciation of sounds <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TkXcabDUg7Q</u>