



# The Borders Partnership of Primary Schools

## Barnby & North Cove Primary School

### Weekly Newsletter



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### Message from Miss Danks—Acorn Class

Another wonderful week in Acorn class for us all. We have really embedded the daily routines and class expectations for behaviour and I have been astounded how kind and thoughtful all of the children are to each other. They can spot when a friend needs help or support and will do this willingly, without even being asked. I am so proud of the class community that we have built together.

In maths we have been continuing learning about the odd one out and matching sets. We have used this knowledge to develop our special awareness with matching puzzles and geometric shapes. We have also begun to learn how to subitise to build fluency and speed in our maths learning. We are learning to count up and back down from 20!



Thank you for a wonderful week. Have a great weekend... As always contact me with any queries or questions either through email or just pop and see me.

In music it's been a loud week! We have been learning about sound and keeping the beat, learned new songs, learned to identify sound and experimented with a range of natural and man make instruments!

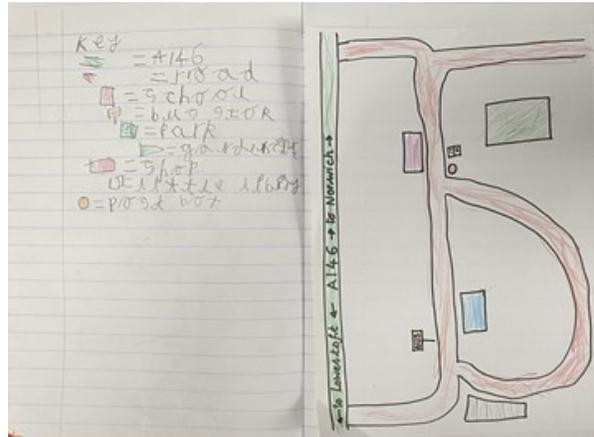
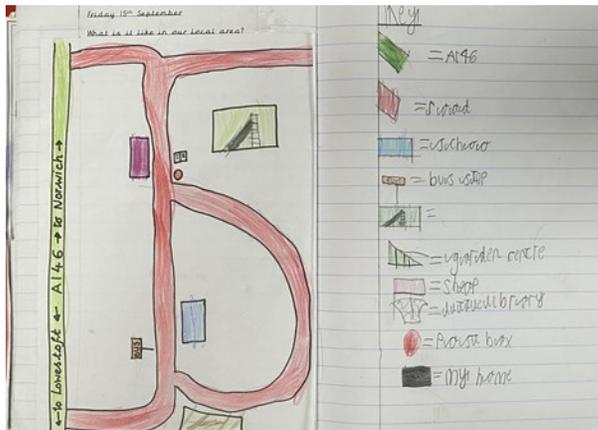
Lastly in phonics we have learned 5 new phonemes, 'm', 'a', 's', 'd', and 't'. I have sent home some worksheets for them to practice the writing part at home. Please note we teach cursive handwriting so they will have to draw the "lead in". For example for 'm' you would say "lead in strait up!" and for a you would say "lead in and over and back around the apple, up and down the leaf." You can also use these for blending and segmenting practice using the pictures at the top, e.g. "point to the s-u-n".



## Message from Mrs Bramwell—Oak Class

Thank you to everyone who joined me on Wednesday to find out all about Oak Class. It was lovely to see familiar faces and new ones in the classroom. I will be sending out the handwriting sheets as promised next week so keep a lookout in book bags please.

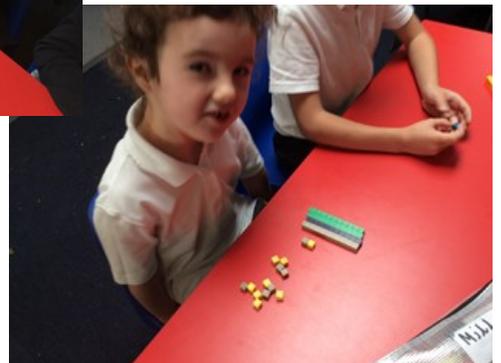
We have been very busy exploring this week. We have investigated our local area, drawn a map of the roads and added the important features of our village like our school, the bus stop and the little library telephone box. We added a key so everyone will know where to find these important places. The key unlocks the mystery of the symbols and colours to help us understand. Esmae and Archie B produced two beautiful pieces of work.



After the 'mean teens' last week, this week in maths we have met the 'terrible twenties'. There are two tens in these numbers. We have been using base 10 to make two digit numbers all the way to 99. We have used the phrase 'partitioning' (chopping them up into 10s and 1s) to help us understand the value of each digit in the number.

Reading champion - It's back! So get reading. It could be your reading book, a newspaper, an article online, the back of a cereal packet...anything. Record it in your yellow log and be in with a chance of winning a prize. Even if you share a story at bedtime this counts too. The more you read the more likely you are to win.

Have a great weekend!



## Message from Mrs Hall—Willow Class

A wonderful week of learning completed, well done Willow.

In English, we have been writing and editing our warning stories. We discussed what it is like for an author to write their novels. We thought about how they write multiple drafts having read through and edited to get the best version for publishing. We also discussed book reviews and editors and their important role in the book industry. The children were given the opportunity to review their peers work and make suggestions for improvement. They were then able to use the advice to edit and improve their own work.

Our biologists have been studying how to classify animals into groups. We discussed how scientists are discovering new species regularly and how they have to study the specimens carefully to determine which group they belong in based on their characteristics. We went on an invertebrate hunt in the school grounds to see what we could discover and classify.

Our travels have now taken us to Greece. Using Google Earth we were able to explore the country in 3D and list the physical and human features. We discussed how the terrain effects the daily lives of the Greeks.

In R.E, we are currently discussing authority and how the Bible is a source of authority for Christians. This week, we discussed what authority means to us and where we see it in our daily lives. Using these ideas we then discussed how Jesus and the stories he told are a source of authority for Christians.

Thank you to all who attended the parent and teacher share evening. I hope I was able to provide you with the important information you need. Of course if you have any further questions please feel free to catch me out on the playground or email me at [e.hall@bordersprimary.org](mailto:e.hall@bordersprimary.org)

I hope you all have a lovely weekend. Mutford have their annual Scarecrow trail on Saturday 10-4, a good fun few hours. I may see you there.

See you all Monday.



## Message from Mr Euinton – Chestnut Class

We've had a really busy week in Chestnut Class this week, in particular, we've had some really interesting discussions. For example, in RE the children carried out a very careful analysis of what constitutes harm with respect to karma - and if a duty exists not to harm any living thing, should responsibility be attached when accidental harm is done? Or if there are circumstances when some degree of harm is inevitable (like people suffering with a virus may either harm others if they pass it on or harm the virus if they recover)? The children have demonstrated a really inquisitive nature which has been encouraging to see.

In English, we are under way with our drafting and I'm looking forward to seeing some completed stories next week - the ideas have been interesting so the signs are good. Our study of place value in mathematics has taken us through number lines to comparing and ordering numbers - this will continue next week before we consider rounding numbers.

One thing which became clear this week is that, because our break time is earlier now, the children missed out on some Outdoor Learning time on Tuesday. In order to avoid them missing out on ODL, if the children come into school in the ODL kit they won't lose any time changing before going outside. They can then stay in their ODL kit for break time and change back into their school uniform after break.

Have a great weekend everyone!

## Other BNC