

### Upcoming Events

- Seven Stories Newcastle THE NIGHT BEOFRE
  CHRISTMAS – Interactive storytelling family sessions throughout December
- Storytime at Morpeth Library on the 15<sup>th</sup> of December from 10:30 till 11:00
- <u>LiZ Million Christmas</u> <u>Drawing Workshop</u> Cramlington Library – 20<sup>th</sup> December
  10:30 till 11:30
- Cramlington Library Christmas Crafts – 23<sup>rd</sup> December 2pm



### And the winners are ...



WOW! It was very, very difficult to pick only three winners from all your wonderful entries. I have really enjoyed reading all of the reasons that you love reading. Everyone who entered the competition will have their work displayed in the library for everyone to see. Our wonderful winners are taking home a bundle of Usborne books to enjoy over the Christmas holidays. Speaking of libraries, **Year 6** have been working very hard helping me to sort out all of our lovely books. We are creating an inviting library space for all ages to visit which will have designated fiction, non-fiction, picture book and research areas. There are lots of jobs still to do but hopefully, by the spring term, we will be up and running with trained librarians and lovely displays to extend our learning beyond the classroom.

This week Year 4 have been researching information about Norway (past and present) and they have been reading more of their class story, The Amazing Story of Adolphus Tips. The plot is getting really exciting! Various children have also been reading parts of the Nativity Story that are on the inside of the windows on their Advent Calendar!

Year 3 have continued their autobiography theme this week. They have read a school child, called Dev's, autobiography and part of Anne Frank's Diary. They have also read biography facts about Tom Daley. They had also finally finished our class story, Stig the Dump.

Huge congratulations to this Superstar, who has completed his Bronze Reading Spine Award. He has read 4 of the recommended reads for Year 5/6 and is already well on his way to his silver award.

# Christmas Books to Share



## The Christmas Pine by Julia Donaldson



Based on a true story. *The Christmas Pine* celebrates a special tradition that stretches back over seventy years, when every year the Mayor of Oslo in Norway presents the British people with a spectacular Christmas tree. The tree is a symbol of peace and friendship, and a thank you for the UK's support during World War II. With perfect rhyming text (as we expect from Donaldson) and beautifully detailed illustrations, this tale begins deep in a snowy wood where stands a little pine tree with a special destiny: when it grows up, it's going to be the famous Christmas tree in Trafalgar Square! (juniormagazine.co.uk)

#### Quentin Blake's A Christmas Carol by Charles Dickens

It's one of the most famous festive stories of all time. What Christmas wouldn't be complete without the tale of mean-spirited miser Ebenezer Scrooge and his redemption after being visited by three ghosts on Christmas Eve? Charles Dickens' classic work has been retold many times over, by everyone from the Muppets to <u>Michael Rosen</u>, but this luxurious edition illustrated by the incomparable Quentin Blake makes a stunning addition to your family library and a wonderful gift. There's a fascinating foreword from the man himself too, explaining the enduring appeal of this book... (juniormagazine.co.uk)



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### All the Colours of Christmas By Matthew Paul Turner

In his trademark style, Matthew Paul Turner celebrates the Christmas season, particularly the colours that come with the holiday and all the memorable sensations connected to those bright hues. Young readers will be taken in by whirling ribbons of the familiar reds and greens, and also other festive hues, including white, gold, blue, and brown. The lyrical text explores what makes the season so colourful, magical, and personal to our hearts – while reminding readers that Christmas is YOU. The holiday season is nothing without being with the people we love, celebrating traditions, and making new memories – all in vivid colour! (juniormagazine.co.uk)

#### Madeline's Christmas By Ludwig Bemelmans

Feisty French schoolgirl Madeline is the epitome of small but strong. In this festive rhyming tale – first published in a magazine in 1956 – the iconic character spreads Christmas kindness, caring for her flu-stricken teachers and friends, and taking in a magical carpet seller. He rewards her good deeds with a trip home from boarding school for all the pupils in time to see their families – the best present! (juniormagazine.co.uk)

