

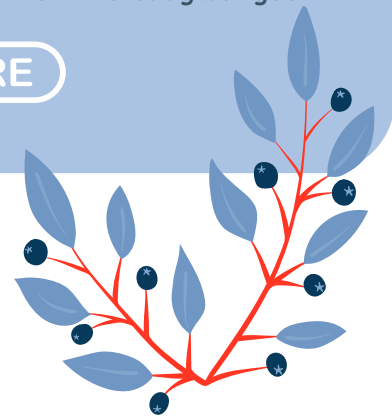
There's a definite chill in the air (and on the windscreens) and the Christmas singing has started. It feels slightly odd to have a football display in the library in November, but nonetheless they are proving very popular, with a steady stream of loans leaving the library this week. As soon as I'm putting new books on the shelves, they are being snapped up by readers, especially those keen to get cracking on their new Reading Quests.



Reading News...

- Children from Year 6 down to Year 1 now have their brand new Reading Quest lists. The new lists represent a wide range of genres and the books would make great Christmas gifts as they are specifically tailored to each Year group.
- Children who have completed any reading book from the quest, are invited to write a brief book review to display in the library, with the best ones being submitted to Morpeth Waterstones for display.
- As you might have spotted in the school newsletter, we are breaking with tradition and asking those who feel able to buy and donate a book to the library, rather than gifts for teachers this year. Please see the poem attached as a little explanation. The Book Tree will be revealed at the Christmas Fair on Thursday but you can browse our wish list anytime you like by following this link.

[CLICK HERE](#)



Thursday's Christmas Fair

BOOKS, BOOKS, BOOKS - for all ages and stages

(obviously there will be other stalls, but probably not as good as this one!)

PRELOVED BOOKS - All for £1

SELECTED NEW BOOKS - at significantly reduced prices

USBORNE BOOKS - Christmas activity books, stocking fillers, fiction and non-fiction. Order before the fair or on the night. Browse the full range [HERE](#).



Gifting books at Christmas

Brand new books can be expensive, especially when a few have been added to the Christmas list. Many of our classroom library updates have come from charity shop finds and are often preloved or significantly reduced. Can I recommend two super sites that can help save your wallet and support small business at the same time. [WORLD OF BOOKS](#) sells good condition second hand books, and [WWW.READERSTHATCARE.CO.UK](#) have sourced a good number of our recent additions at excellent prices. The gift of a library card is also a brilliant way to provide endless reading opportunities and is absolutely free. Simply walk into Ashington or Morpeth library and ask to join.



What's been going on around school this week?

In **Year 3** we have been finding out more about bones in science. This has involved reading the names of bones which are in Latin. We have also enjoyed continuing with 'Stig of the Dump' as our main class read. During our trip to the library, we chose 'Dogger' by Shirley Hughes to read together. This classic children's book prompted lots of discussion about special toys and whether we would have acted as generously as Bella does in the story.

This week **Year 4** have been reading the next two chapters of Christophe's Story. We have sequenced the main events that explain why Christophe left Rwanda to come to England. Then like Christophe we have been storytellers, working in groups, to tell his story. The children loved this drama lesson!

Year 2 have been enjoying a selection of poems written about different families and their situations. We have really enjoyed Mum's going to put me on the transfer list and have had to write our own versions of this. For enjoyment the children have been getting into the World Cup spirit and have been selecting poems from our Give us a Goal book by Paul Cookson. We also finished one of the children's own books from home, The Giraffe, Pelly and Me, I think they have all now got the Roald Dahl bug.

Year 5 are thoroughly enjoying the new genre of Gothic fiction in GOTH GIRL - THE GHOST OF A MOUSE by Chris Riddell. The illustrations are incredibly intricate have helped to immerse us in Ada's world at Ghastly Gorm Hall.

This week, **Year 1** have thoroughly enjoyed the Oi! series of books by Kes Gray. We wrote our own rhymes based on the book such as flies sit on pies!

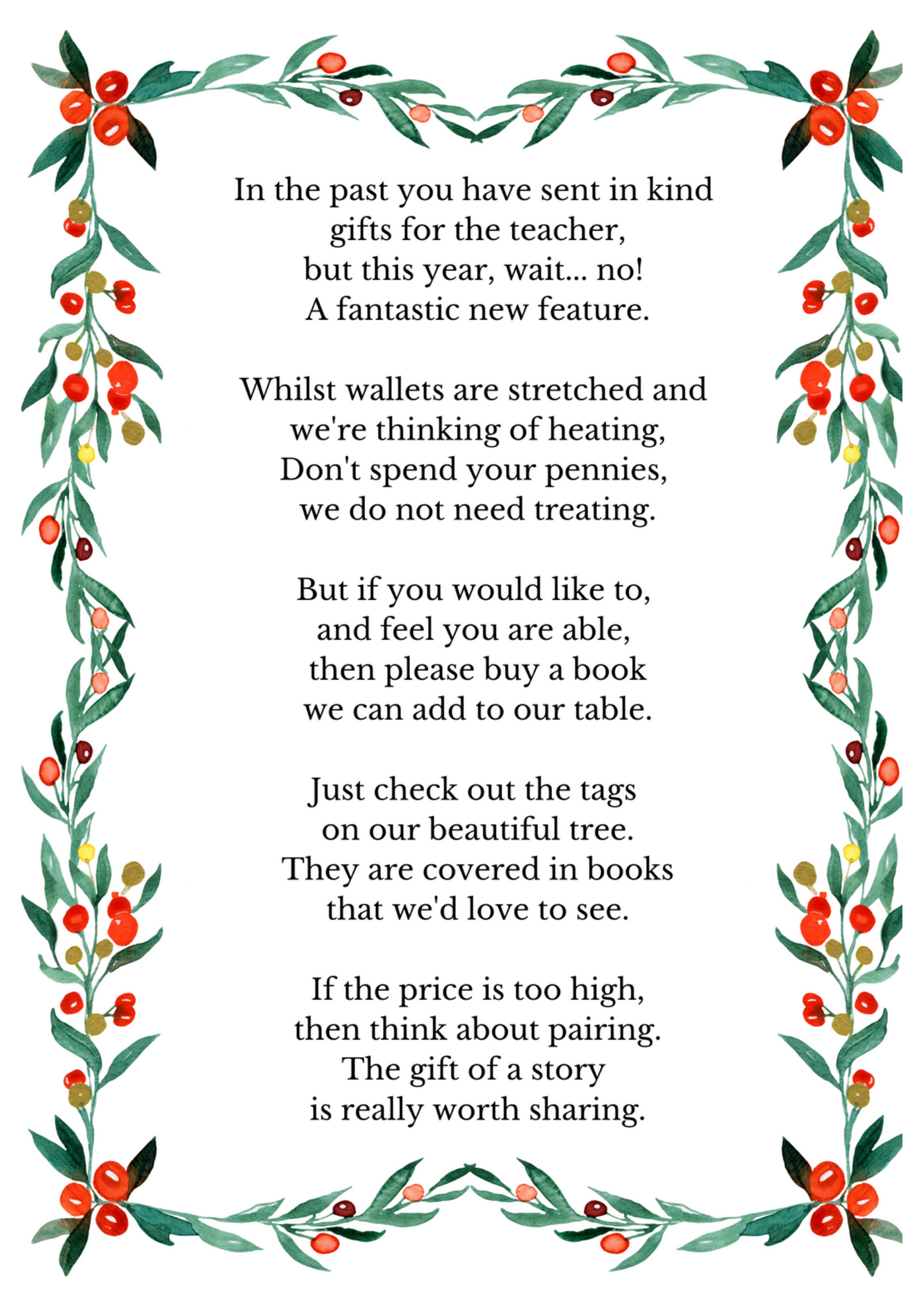
Year 6 have been keen to get started on their Reading Quests this week and have tracked down lots of books in our library. They were delighted to get a reply on Twitter from ABI ELPHINSTONE and I have had to order more of her Dreamsnatcher series due to the demand!



New to the Library this Week...



Great new graphic novels for developing readers



In the past you have sent in kind
gifts for the teacher,
but this year, wait... no!
A fantastic new feature.

Whilst wallets are stretched and
we're thinking of heating,
Don't spend your pennies,
we do not need treating.

But if you would like to,
and feel you are able,
then please buy a book
we can add to our table.

Just check out the tags
on our beautiful tree.
They are covered in books
that we'd love to see.

If the price is too high,
then think about pairing.
The gift of a story
is really worth sharing.