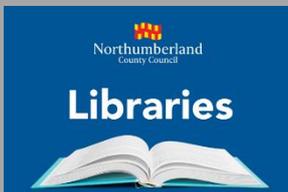


Upcoming Events

- 18th November - Local author visiting Year 5 & 6
- All through November - Nursery's 45 Bedtime Story Challenge
- 4th Dec – 3rd Jan Percy the Park Keeper Winter Walk at Cragside, Rothbury.

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[Reading at Home](#)

This Week in school...

Year 2 have started reading 'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory' and they are very enthusiastic about it so far. They really loved their virtual visit from Ross Collins and especially enjoyed 'This Zoo is Not for You' with its beautiful illustrations.

The **Reception** children really enjoyed the Ross Collins books and we read the two as part of our Goldilocks and The Three Bears week. We made a story map for Goldilocks and The Three Bears and attempted to add short captions. We looked at non-fiction books, comparing real and fictitious bears, choosing one and using some adjectives to describe this. As an alternative to the traditional story we read Goldilocks and The Three Engineers, which led us onto our STEAM challenge of making a new chair for Baby Bear.

This week **Year 4** have been reading poems about poppies and Remembrance Day looking out for the use of similes, alliteration, personification and onomatopoeia. They also wrote and performed their own Poppy Remembrance Poem. We have used information from the internet to find out about the history of the Poppy Appeal and how the poppy has changed over the last 100 years.

This week, **Nursery** have shared the story 'Peace at Last'. Mr Bear is unable to sleep because of all the different noises he hears during the night. We have been on a 'sound walk' around school this week listening to noises. We are delighted that one little girl has shared her visit to the library van that visits Pegswood. We will resource where and when it visits the village and share with you. You can also visit libraries in Manchester Street in Morpeth and Ashington Leisure Centre if you wish too. It is free to join.

Year 3 have been reading Remembrance poems and identifying effective language and key features. They have used their reading to help generate their own special poems and have continued with their reading of a poem each day following Pie Corbett's Year 3 list.

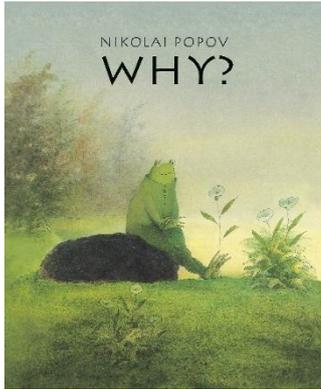
This week, **Year 1** have thoroughly enjoyed reading 'There's a Bear on my Chair' and 'There's a Mouse in my House' by Ross Collins. We were lucky enough to listen to Ross Collins read the stories and tell us about how he became an author.

The **Year 5** children have become experts at spotting suspicious activity and making accurate predictions about terrible villains. They have begun to develop their own dastardly characters and are excited about reading all the drama in the last chapter of GOTH GIRL.

Year 6 have added to their video library this week with more picture book recordings for the younger children. We have spent time this week discussing the importance of reading EVERY DAY in order to improve our written work and our fluency. We have also reached the last part of our class novel THE EYE OF THE WOLF. All the children will be able to add a gold star to their reading quests when we get to the end.

War, Hope & Remembrance

KS1



Why? By Nikolai Popov

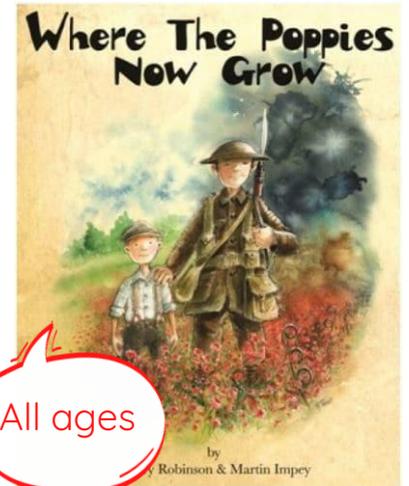
An excellent book to share with children in KS1 and provoke discussion about conflict on a personal level, and amongst wider groups and countries. When a frog takes a flower that he likes the look of, his joy is short-lived when a mouse tries to steal it. The frog's friends band together to scare the mouse away, but then the mouse gets organised with retaliation of his own. This book explores how and why wars develop, how senseless conflict can often appear, and provides an opportunity for children to discuss how to deescalate and resolve.

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Where the Poppies Now Grow by Hilary Robinson & Martin Impey

A poignant picture book story of friendship, change, and survival, set during WW1. The accessible rhyming form makes this text an ideal one to read and share with younger children, and a good starting point for discussion in PSHE. Suitable for children in both KS1 and KS2 and useful to spark topic work and art linked activities. There's also a video [here](#).

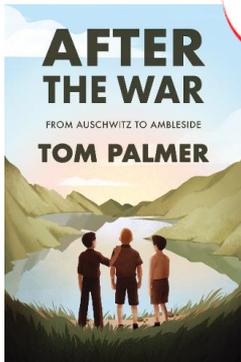
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UKS2

After the War By Tom Palmer

All ages



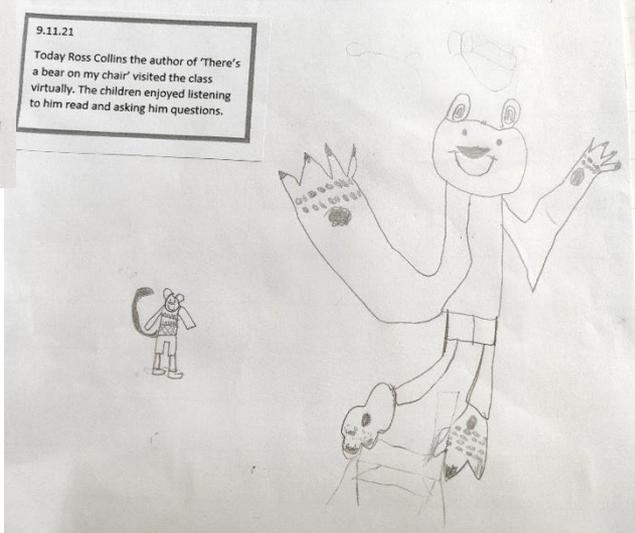
Yossi, Leo, and Mordecai are safe in their new home in northern England near Windermere. But they're still haunted by nightmares of the WW2 Nazi concentration camps. Will their new life be enough to repair their broken lives? An excellent and relatable class reader for children in upper KS2. There's a useful BBC bitesize resource on the Windermere Boys [here](#).

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On Tuesday, the children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 had a virtual session with the author and illustrator Ross Collins. The children really enjoyed their session and produced some fantastic illustrations with a little guidance from the illustrator himself!

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Today Ross Collins the author of 'There's a bear on my chair' visited the class virtually. The children enjoyed listening to him read and asking him questions.



Year 5 have also become illustrators this week by following helpful videos of [Chris Riddell](#) illustrating his [Goth Girl](#) series of books. They have been creating their own villainous characters for his story and trying to recreate the central character, Ishmael. you can have a go too by following this [link](#)...

[Draw along with Chris Riddell](#)