

# Reading News

## Don't forget

If your child is isolating at home, they still have access to a whole library of online reading books through Bug Club Independent.

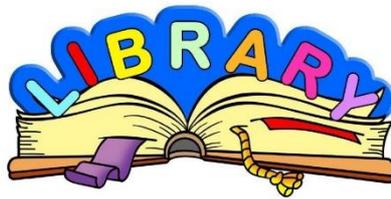
While they are at home they can continue to read for pleasure as well as working on their comprehension skills through answering online questions.

Books can be read on a phone, on a tablet or on a PC.

## This week in school...

Welcome back to school! A huge WELL DONE to all those children who continued to read throughout the holidays. It has been lovely to hear about all the new books received for Christmas and how some Christmas money has already been spent on topping up bookshelves at home.

At the end of the Autumn term, Year 6 helped me to revamp our school library. Throughout the early days of the pandemic, it became an unused space and unfortunately was a little unloved. Thanks to the hard work of the children, it is now a well-organised, bright space open for business once more. Of course we will be following guidance on hand washing, classroom cleaning and timetabling so that all of our bubbles have their own library time, but I am delighted that we can now get back into borrowing books.



In addition to the clearing and tidying, a huge pile of new books has been added to the shelves of our fiction and non-fiction areas. We received some very kind donations of pre-loved books as well as adding some brand new Usborne books thanks to our new Usborne link. In the coming weeks, we will also be adding some junior newspapers and I am very excited to start building up a stock of books for the grown-ups, initially for the staff to borrow and hopefully, in the not to distant future, parents too.



We are proud to say 25 children in Nursery and Reception took part in the Bedtime Challenge last term. The challenge was to share a bedtime story for 45 nights before 16th December. Every child who took part received a certificate.



## Have you checked out the Reading Spines recently?

Back in September, we introduced the Pie Corbett Reading Spines to each classroom. This is a list of recommended reading books for specific Year groups and they can be [found on our website](#) too. The children have been set Reading Quests to try and read as many as they can throughout the year and it is proving very popular with our older children.

I am delighted that we now have a brilliant group of children who have reached their Bronze Award for reading four of the books on the list. Some very shiny bookmarks and certificates arrived in school this week as a reward for their reading enthusiasm. Books on the reading spine don't have to be read independently. These books can be shared with an adult, listened to or even completed within the classroom, so every child has the chance to be part of the Reading Quest.



**We have the Reading Quests displayed in the library alongside some of the relevant books so that children can see what is available to them.**



### Did you know...

The Northumberland Library Service offers a collection service. Give them a ring, tell them what sort of things you like to read, and they will put a borrow bag together for you!

## Fascinating Fact

Old Christmas trees find new life in January.

In the US state of Illinois, donated Christmas trees are placed on the bottom of lakes. As the trees slowly decay, their branches provide shelter and homes for many different species and help preserve fragile ecosystems. In North Carolina, Christmas trees are placed on beaches to stop the sand blowing away.

This book is in our library

