

This week in school...

This week has been full of special experiences – make sure you check out Mr Waterfield’s newsletter to find out about our STEMazing day yesterday, minibests in Reception and Year 5’s fire station visit. It has been a big week for reading too, with lots of fantastic online activity and some very special news about The Queen’s Hat! Read on to find out more.



We won!

I’m sure you remember all our excitement about the Queen’s Jubilee and the work we did in school on Steve Antony’s ‘Queen’s Hat’ book. We entered our work into his competition... and won! Thanks to all the children’s hard work, we will now be receiving a set of signed books and a live zoom session with the author and illustrator himself!



Jubilee Books

Jubilee books have been sent out today with the youngest child in every family. It is a beautiful book to share together and we hope you enjoy reading it.

Important Notice

This year we have moved over to Bug Club Phonics for all our Phonics sessions, but we have also spent lots of money on brand new Bug Club books to compliment the children’s learning. As you can imagine, it takes a long time to sort and organise the different reading book bands and we would like to get started on this next week, ready for September. From next week, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 **WILL NOT BE BRINGING HOME BANDED READING BOOKS**. Instead, they will be bringing home library books for you to read to them. The online Bug Club Independent books will still be available and we would love you to continue recording reads in your child’s reading record. Could you please check for any rogue reading books at home and send them into school.

Thank you



Bug Club Independent

This week, Year 2 have been the most active class on Bug Club Independent. Huge congratulations is due. Keep up the good work everyone!

YEAR 6 ENTERPRISE PROJECT – We can now reveal that this year, Year 6 are developing a PEGSWOOD STORY TRAIL for young children and their families to enjoy during the summer holidays. If you would like to find out more about story trails, pop over to the [Literacy Trust](https://www.literacytrust.org/) website to read about the trail set up in Leazes Park, Newcastle.

This week in Class...

Nursery are having great fun sharing stories this half term about different minibeasts. This week we have loved seeing all the different minibeasts in the story 'Mad about minibeasts'. We have made minibeast houses for our favourite minibeast .

Year 1 - This week, we enjoyed the story of The Lost Sheep. It got us thinking whether we would just leave the sheep because we had 99 more or look for the sheep. We understood that every one was important, so we would all look for the sheep! The children could retell the story wonderfully!

This week in **Reception** we have been learning all about spiders and have been reading The Very Busy Spider by Eric Carle. The children have described a spider and its features. We also met a real life Tarantula at our visit from Bugs and Stuff!

After really enjoying our STEM Day in school this week **Year 2** had lots of questions about forces. We read some non-fiction science books to help answer all our amazing questions!

This week **Year 4** have been reading all about invertebrates and using a classification key to sort different animals. We also read a story all about a platypus who was rather shy as he didn't know what animal group he belonged to! We have also been finding out about the amazing life of Oswald, an Anglo Saxon king of Northumbria, who became a Saint.

Year 5 have started to work on their own fantasy stories based on Tolkein's **The Hobbit**. Sticking with the same hero, Bilbo Baggins, they are creating new fantastical creatures and settings to hook in readers.

Year 6 have been getting stuck into their enterprise this week. They have all filled in job applications and will be interviewed before finding out which team they will be part of. They have spent time reading existing story trails to help them create their own Pegswood themed trail next week.

Get ready for the summer reading challenge...

