



**NORTH RIGTON**  
CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL  
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## **BULLETIN – FRIDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> MARCH**

### **“GROW, BLOSSOM, FLOURISH”**

#### **A note from Mrs Down – Support for Ukraine Day Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> March**

On Monday 14<sup>th</sup> March I held a special collective worship for the school when we explored the issues of the war in Ukraine. The children were very well informed and showed tremendous compassion towards the Ukrainian people. I know many of the staff have been following it up in class in age-appropriate ways and Theo and Dan - my charity advocates are keen to develop this within school.

I would like to invite the children to come to school wearing **blue and yellow (the colours of the Ukrainian flag) on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> March** to show their support. Please don't send any money but I have attached links to the DfE recommended JustGiving page and also to Harrogate City of Sanctuary who we have supported previously with their work to help refugees.

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/first-news-schools-appeal>

<https://harrogedistrict.cityofsanctuary.org/>

Many thanks for your support  
Cath Down

#### **Easter Service – Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> April 10am St Johns Church**

Our Easter service will be held on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> April at 10am at St Johns Church. Our Year 3 and 4 will perform the service 'The Tale of the Three Trees' and our Reception, Year 1 and 2 will come and watch. Year 5 and 6 will be away having fun on their residential! All parents are welcome to join us for the service

#### **Reading for Pleasure**

Reading allows us to be transported from our own world to another. Between the pages of a book, we can become immersed in the lives of fictional characters and learn about a culture entirely different from our own. We can also learn new words and phrases, experience a range of emotions, and acquire skills and knowledge. Because of the learning potential, the effects of reading on child development are vast and multiple studies have highlighted its benefits. As part of our Enjoying Learning Together at Home ethos we ask that you share books: encourage your children to read and discuss books, read to them and discuss vocabulary, punctuation and probe for understanding. Enjoy them together. The importance of reading for children cannot be underestimated. Reading for pleasure can benefit a child's education, social and cognitive development, their wellbeing, and their mental health.

Below is a link to age appropriate reading lists. Please do let us know on Tapestry any favourite books you are reading at home. Here's what we have been reading in school.

### *Apples*

Our favourite book in Apples is *The Book With No Pictures* by B Novak. Arthur brought it to school on World Book Day and we have had repeated readings since - some children have even been inspired to write their own books with no pictures!

### *Pears*

This week we have enjoyed reading *The Tin Forest* by Helen Ward and Wayne Anderson. This story is linked to our *We Are Artists* topic on recycling. We enjoyed this story because the old man lives in a world full of rubbish, but then he decides to recycle the litter to create a wonderful 'tin forest'. It reminded us of all the sculptures we made last term out of recycled materials.

### *Busy Bees*

This half term we have introduced a 'Book Swap Box' into Busy Bees to encourage children to share and enjoy reading books for pleasure. We are slowly building up the amount of books and if anyone has any books they no longer want for ages 7-10 then please drop them into school. The children were very excited this week to swap books and share their thoughts on why they enjoyed the book. In class, we are also enjoying a range of books as part of Whole Class Guided Reading sessions. At the moment we are using our VIPERS skills to read about and enjoy the miraculous journey of Edward Tulane (a china rabbit). We are also reading the *Iron Man* to inspire our creative writing in English.

### *Y5.6*

This week, Year 5/6 have enjoyed reading about *The Earthshot Prize*, linked to our *We are Scientists* topic but also to inspire us to write about what we would do if we ruled the world for a day! We have generated some interesting ideas and are looking forward to using these in our writing next week.

[Books for KS1 and EYFS children aged 4-7 | School Reading List](#)

[Books for KS2 children aged 7-11 | School Reading List](#)

## **Fellowship Worship – St Patricks Day**



In our Fellowship Worship this week we found out all about St Patrick, the Patron Saint and National Apostle of Ireland, who is credited with bring Christianity to the country. I set the children a challenge and asked if they can find out why St. Patrick is frequently seen holding a shamrock?

### Busy Bees Final Flourish

Well done Busy Bees for an exciting Final Flourish. They certainly flourished both with their art work and their ability to sell their bags and the preloved clothing to members of our school community. The buzz in the hall could be heard throughout the school as the children enjoyed the challenge of selling their artwork to raise money for Fairtrade. Thank you to everyone that came and supported this event. It was so nice to see parents back in school. We will count how much money we have raised and let you know!

### House Points

Hawthorne	152
Rowen	118
Willow	110
Maple	65

This week points this week were given for amazing effort, perseverance with maths reasoning, independence in learning and compassion in the playground. Well done!

### FONR

We are looking forward to hosting the KS2 movie night next week: Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> March 3.30 – 5.30pm. Thank you for your support.

### Tewit Youth Intermediate Band - Open Rehearsal & Concert 19<sup>th</sup> March

Please find attached flyer for the Tewit Youth Intermediate Band Open Rehearsal & Concert on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> March 4pm–6pm at All Saints Church Kirkby Overblow.

### Comic Relief

Red nose day was great fun today. Below is our dedicated Just Giving page, many thanks for your support for our chosen charities.

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/rednoseday22-north-rigton-chur>

Have a wonderful weekend and see you all next week.

Mrs Methley

