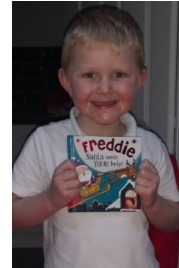
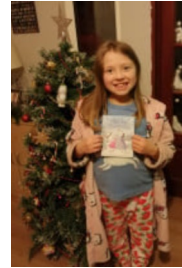
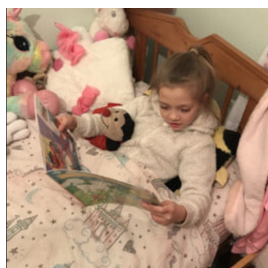


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Reading Newsletter December 2020

Welcome to our December reading newsletter. We have had a busy month running our Christmas Reading Challenge across school and have loved seeing our families join in with all the reading fun. Whether that be watching stories shared by staff or sharing your own stories and photos with us at school, we are super proud of you all!



Help your child to read

We value the positive contributions parents make towards their child's reading journey. On **Wednesday 13th January** we will be holding a virtual reading event in school and we would love parents and family members to join us. Further information will be sent out in January with links to the virtual online platform.



In the meantime, you can access free online phonics training which will help you understand how to support your Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 child with reading. Follow this link to access free online Sounds -Write Phonics training <https://www.udemy.com/course/help-your-child-to-read-and-write/>

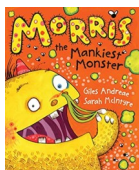
Reading Ambassadors

Meet our team of reading ambassadors! These children have been identified with having a love of reading and will support us with further promoting reading across the whole school. Each ambassador will share recommended reads in school and contribute some of their recommendations on our monthly reading newsletter.

Early Years—Evie and Ruby



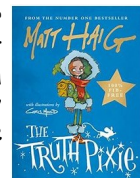
Evie thinks 'Morris the Mankiest Monster' by Giles Andrea is super funny. Morris is only happy when he is dirty and washes his hair in the loo!



Key Stage 1—Reuben and Freddie



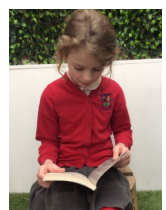
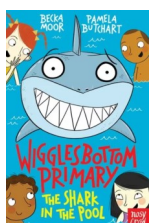
Reuben recommends 'The Truth Pixie' by Matt Haig. The Truth Pixie can only say the truth which makes it difficult for her to make friends. On her travels she meets a troll and can't help but tell him the truth, which he doesn't like. She eventually meets Aada and her dad where she could finally be herself.



Lower Key Stage 2—Matilda and Patience



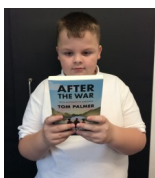
Matilda has been reading 'Wigglesbottom Primary' by Becka Moor. In the story, there is a piranha in the swimming pool so the children tell the teacher. The teacher didn't believe them! One of the boys thought he got bit by something but it was actually from a nettle at break. I really enjoyed the book and would read it again.

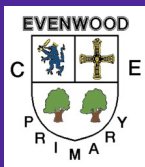


Upper Key Stage 2—Ryan and Ava



Ava recommends 'The Girl of Ink and Stars' by Kiran Millwood Hargrave. It's about a girl who doesn't have many friends at school. Once she has spoken to a girl called Cata. Cata goes into the forbidden forest and sadly dies. A search party go into the forest to find out who killed her but the girl is not allowed. Isabella secretly goes into the forest alone to try and solve the mystery of the death.





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Author Adam Bushnell

Children across school enjoyed their termly session with author, Adam Bushnell. Through engaging story telling, Adam opened up all children's imaginations and supported them with developing their own narratives. Adam is always a popular visitor and we (staff and children) can't wait for him to return in the Spring term. If you would like to find out more, please visit the following website—www.adambushnell.co.uk



Sharing Stories

Tommie recently shared one of his favourite stories, 'Room on the Broom', with his friend Rowan in the Early Years reading area. Ms Brazier was very impressed with how both boys engaged with the story, discussing illustrations and reciting the story from memory! Both boys noted the author and were able to name more books by Julia Donaldson.

Padlet

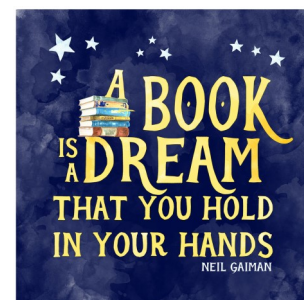
Across the federation, we have created 'Padlets' which allows all children, parents and staff, from both schools, to share quality texts and book reviews. Each year group has their very own section, so that books shared are age appropriate and easy to access. Over the Christmas break, we would love to see children add to this! Please find the links below to each classes' padlet.

Bowes Castle Class— <https://padlet.com/englishhub/lomthi2i5bm813s9>

Raby Castle Class— <https://padlet.com/englishhub/e8iqmg38v6pd2lvc>

Barnard Castle Class— <https://padlet.com/englishhub/ciszo72sc20agpsb>

Durham Castle Class— <https://padlet.com/englishhub/sfq9vev2c8o6rqsv>



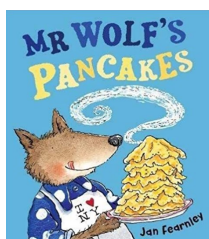
Happy New Year!

We would like to wish you all the most wonderful 2021!

Classroom Reads

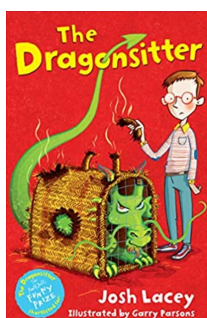
Bowes Castle Class Mr. Wolf's Pancakes by Jan Fearnley

Join Mr Wolf in the kitchen as he gets into lots of trouble making pancakes in this funny picture book.



Barnard Castle Class The Light Jar by Lisa Thompson

Nate and his mum are running away, hiding out in a tumbledown cottage in the middle of a forest. One day mum heads out for provisions but doesn't return, leaving Nate alone and afraid. But comfort comes in the most unexpected of places.



Raby Castle Class The Dragonsitter by Josh Lacey

Eddie and Emily Smith-Pickle have to look after their uncle's dragon for a week while he goes on holiday. The book is full of adventures and will give plenty of belly laughing moments.



Durham Castle Class The Raven by Edgar Allen Poe

This is a narrative poem by American writer, Edgar Allen Poe. It tells a story of a mysterious talking raven and his visit to a distraught lover.