



Here's what I am reading this week!



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Hi Barrier Reef class!

It has been absolutely wonderful to hear from several of you this week, it really puts a smile on my face to see so many of you working hard on the challenges that we have set you.

As I write this letter to you, I have the window open and normally I can hear traffic but during this time it is very quiet and I am quite enjoying the peace! My family and I have been going for our daily walk (I am not a runner!) and we have seen so much wild life, I feel they are claiming the world back a bit more. Have you seen our video to 'Reach for the stars'? Molly couldn't resist being part of it! I hope you enjoyed watching it!

I am really looking forward to seeing how you have been getting on with tasks this week.

Please see below for *this week's challenge* and some other ideas to keep you busy this week.

I am really missing you all! Stay safe and I look forward to seeing you all soon!

Mrs B ☺

Hi Barrier Reef!

Just to say I'm still helping my husband with our patio! I've used the concrete mixer and as I was shovelling the cement in, it went all over me just as Mrs Shurmer was walking by! ☺

Keep safe, from Mrs Mansfield

Weekly challenge!



Please email your letter to head@ferndale.swindon.sch.uk.

Please title your email 'Barrier Reef' and then put your name on it. Miss Horrobin will then forward it onto me.

Your challenge this week is to come up with a Top 10 list of songs/tunes/melodies that you would like to share with the class. At least one item on your list must be a classical piece – check out 'BBC *ten pieces*' for some inspiration or listen to Benjamin Britten's Children's Guide to the Orchestra. We listened to the Harry Potter score by composer John Williams who composed many famous film sound tracks, you may want to research which other films he composed for and listen to them.

Remember you have a Charanga login to support your learning in music.

Happy listening!

<https://www.classicfm.com/composers/britten/guides/best-recordings-brittens-young-persons-guide-orche/>

<https://charanga.com/>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/ten-pieces>

Maths

Firstly, remember to keep an eye out for any battles we have set up for you on TT Rock Stars! You know how much I love to win ;-) I have also been setting weekly tasks on Mathletics.

This week, we would have been revising geometry related problems.

Here's a problem to warm your brains up and get you thinking!

Jamie is drawing a trapezium.
He wants his final shape to look like this:



Jamie uses the co-ordinates (2, 4) ,
(4, 5) , (1, 6) and (5, 6).
Will he draw a trapezium that looks
correct?
If not, can you correct his co-ordinates?



You can revise this topic area further here: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zy72pv4>

<https://www.mathsisfun.com/geometry/index.html>

BBC Bitesize have launched a whole host of materials, even daily lessons, to support your learning, please carry out some of the activities on there.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/tags/zncsscw/year-6-and-p7-lessons/>



English & History

Last Friday was the **75th anniversary of WWII VE Day** – did you celebrate the occasion? If you want to find out more about what this momentous day was all about, watch the Horrible Histories video and short film (follow the links below).

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbbc/watch/horrible-histories-songs-ve-day-song>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/class-clips-video/history-ks2-ve-day/z7xtmfr>

If you've read all of your own books and are looking for more stories to read, why not visit the Storyweaver website to discover thousands of stories online?

<https://storyweaver.org.in/>

Believe it or not, you're actually living through a significant historical event and experiencing it for yourself first hand (and we don't mean Brexit). In years to come, children will be finding out about what happened during the Corona months of 2020. You'll be able to tell people about the year that SATs was cancelled – yes, this week would have been SATs week so we hope you've asked your parents for bacon sarnies (or a veggie sausage in a bun)!

Why not create an A4 leaflet (folded into 3) to summarise what you've been doing, how you've been feeling, the changes that you and other people have made to your way of life to keep as a memory of these unusual times? Or you could create a PowerPoint presentation, iMovie or even write a song to capture your memories.