



Here's what I am reading this week!



Hi Barrier Reef class!

I hope you have been keeping busy with the challenges I have set you!

As I write this letter to you, I have just completed the Joe Wicks PE lesson with my daughters, I think it's getting slightly easier- practice makes perfect I guess! The sunshine has been hiding this week and the rain has come which is making my garden rather happy! Did anyone see the Starlink space display last week? It was 60 Starlink satellites that appeared in a row across the sky and you could see it for a few nights; we could see about 4 of them and it was spectacular!

I can't wait to see you all (soon hopefully) and I continue to be impressed by the amount of work you have been doing!

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 ☺

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Hi Barrier Reef!

I hope you are all keeping safe. I have been really busy digging out for my new patio and enjoying the gorgeous sunshine.

As we were supposed to be learning about the Highwayman, could you have a go at making a collage of him on his horse riding along the purple moor? Don't worry if you are short of materials, you could use old magazines and food packaging to create it.

I am looking forward to seeing your masterpieces!

Keep safe, from Mrs Mansfield

### Weekly challenge!



Please email your letter to [head@ferndale.swindon.sch.uk](mailto: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.

### Hooray for Captain Tom!

Captain Tom, who turns 100 years old this Thursday, looped around his garden 100 times using his walking frame. His original plan was to raise £1,000 for the NHS.

His actions inspired thousands to donate and he has now raised around 30 million pounds for the NHS! Check out his story here: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/52277760>  
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/52423703>

Remember when we wrote a persuasive piece about Palm, I would like you to write a letter to the Queen persuading her why Tom Moore should be knighted. Remember the format of a letter and the level of formality you will need. Furthermore, in order to be persuasive you need to understand the subject matter and research Tom and what a knighthood is (<https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/30641853>).

Good Luck!

## 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 negative numbers and problem solving relating to temperatures.

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

**Number and Place Value**

This table shows the temperature in three different cities on the same day in January.

Reykjavik	Athens	Paris
-4°C	13°C	5°C

What is the difference in temperature between Reykjavik and Athens?

The next day, the temperature in Paris drops by 7°C. What is the new temperature?

You can revise this topic area further here: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/znwj6sg/resources/>

<https://www.theschoolrun.com/what-are-negative-numbers>

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

We would have been studying the 'Highwayman' poem this term, please



read the piece from the following website: <https://www.poetryfoundation.org/poems/43187/the-highwayman>

Can you find an extract that describes the following characters' actions and explain what it shows us about them?

- Highwayman
- Bess
- Tim

Here is an example for you:

*'Back, he spurred like a madman, shrieking a curse to the sky,  
With the white road smoking behind him and his rapier brandished high.'*

*This extract is about the highwayman. The highwayman is charging back to the inn on his horse. He has his sword out ready and rides so fast that he leaves a cloud of dust 'smoking' in his wake.*

*The highwayman's actions tell us that he loved Bess dearly. He is absolutely incensed to hear what has happened and he is intent on seeking revenge on those who contributed to Bess' death.*