



BIST Year 4E Weekly Update

Date: 26/1/2019

Literacy

- During the week students worked hard on their reading assessments and good progress is being seen. However, we would encourage a rich daily practice of reading to enhance this progress. Daily reading matters as the ability to read is a vital skill that helps to expand the mind, improves concentration, builds language and communication skills, develops the imagination, and is how we discover new things. Please see the following article on the importance of daily reading: [How reading 20 minutes a day impacts your child.](#)

Reading Booklet

Sample 2016 Key Stage 2 English Reading Booklet



Cats

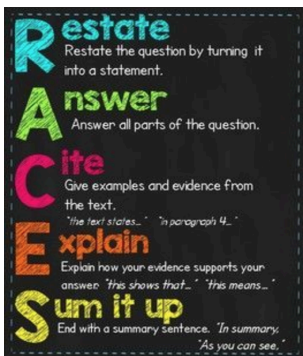


It Couldn't Be Done



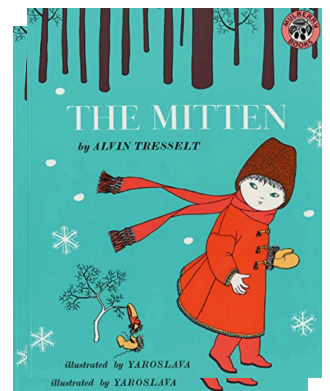
Snowball and Ebony

- Using the RACES strategy (see graphic) to demonstrate comprehension we continued the exciting story of Mafatu in the novel *Call it Courage* by Armstrong Sperry, and as a mentor text for writing our own adventure stories.



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- How many animals can one mitten hold? Was the question as we took on a character's point of view for a written diary entry using another classic story, *The Mitten*, a charming Ukrainian folktale as retold by Alvin Tresselt.
- Word Works/Spelling List** - Students can access their weekly *Word Works* on [Quizlet](#) with a number of online games and activities to help them practise. In Term 2 we will expect the students to know the spelling as well as the meaning of each word. This week we have **extra-credit** bonus words as well to help prepare for an upcoming Maths test.



IPC

- As a part of the IPC unit *Active Planet* the students continued their study of volcanoes with exploration, demonstration, and explanation. Students studied famous volcanoes from around the

world and their potential destructive power, as well as created a scientific drawing of the main features of a typical volcano, the students were then asked to speak for 30 seconds without stopping, saying *um* or *er*, or any other verbal filler about anything in this topic; a challenge indeed for us all. Please [see link](#) for a letter outlining the unit in more detail.

Home Learning

- Many more wonderful projects for our “Fridge” along with some fabulous digital, “*Where in the World*” presentations. Please keep up all the great learning from our half-term [Home Learning Grid](#).



Mathematics

- BIST Maths Week**-During this week the students will be engaged in a variety of projects, activities, and games as a part of our celebration of all things mathematical. While still revising and preparing for our upcoming Abacus test the students will have the opportunity to look at how mathematics is relevant, fun, and all around us during this Maths themed week.

Updates and Upcoming Dates:

- 28th January to 1st February** BIST Maths Week
- 30th January** Buddy Reading with Year 1/2
- Please make sure your student is reading each evening for 20 minutes, getting their reading journal signed, and bringing the journal in once a week for us to check.

Specials	Day
Music	Mondays
Swimming/Library/ICT	Tuesdays
Art	Wednesdays
PE/Singing	Thursdays

