

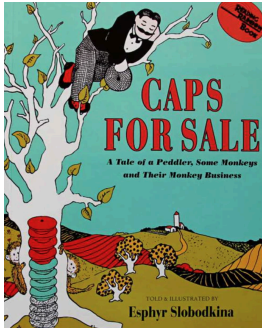


# BIST Year 4E Weekly Update

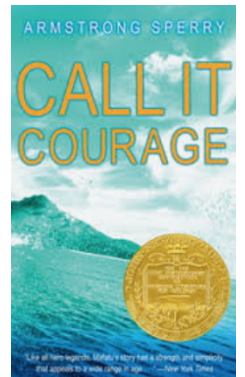
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## Literacy

- Two 1940 award winning classics were the focus of this week's literacy studies. The first is the Newbery Medal winning adventure story *Call it Courage* by Armstrong Sperry and the second a Lewis Carroll Shelf Award winner, *Caps for Sale* by Esphyr Slobodkina. As a mentor text for writing our own adventure



stories *Call it Courage* is the exciting story of Mafatu the son of Polynesian chief who tries to overcome his fear of the sea. In addition to using this as a writing mentor text the students will practice a variety of reading skills such as identifying key details from fiction, summarizing the main idea, making inferences, and predicting what might happen next in the text from details stated and implied. Reading and studying the text *Caps for Sale* was a chance for the students to identify and explain how meaning is enhanced through choice of words and phrases as well as illustration and making comparisons within the text and to other classic text.



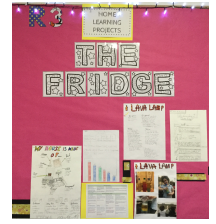
- Word Works/Spelling List** - Students can access their weekly Word Works on [Quizlet](#) with a number of online games and activities to help them practise. **In Term 2 we will expect the students to know the spelling and meaning of each word.**

## IPC

- During the past week the students were very *active* as they delved into the IPC unit, *Active Planet*. Students explored how the Earth is formed, what a volcano island is, how it is formed, and where they are in the world as well as what causes an earthquake, and how earthquakes can be measured. Diagrams, slide shows, newspaper articles, and podcasts are under construction to demonstrate this learning. Please [see link](#) for a letter outlining the unit in more detail.

## Home Learning

- Please note our new half-term [Home Learning Grid](#). Many wonderful projects have already come in and we look forward to adding many more to our “Fridge”.



## Mathematics

- This week focuses on properties of 2D shapes, including angles, parallel and perpendicular lines, and symmetry. Students will:
  - recognise and compare acute, right and obtuse angles
  - draw lines of a given length
  - identify perpendicular and parallel lines
  - recognise and draw line symmetry in shapes
  - sort 2D shapes according to their properties
  - draw shapes with given properties and explain reasoning
  - draw the other half of symmetrical shapes

## Updates and Upcoming Dates:

- 23rd January - Primary Swim Gala
- 25th January - Primary Assembly
- 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

