Reading Week & World Book Day
What an amazing week we have had in school! The focus of our week was to ‘Share a story’ and we have achieved this in so many ways! From reading with new friends to reading outdoors; from book swaps to new books at the fayre; from wonderful vocabulary shared to new stories listened to; from breakfast with books to secret teacher storytimes it really has been a fantastic week. The children have been buzzing about stories they have read or want to read and during our House Time on Thursday, the children across school came together to share a story and take part in fun activities. Thank you for all of your support! Don’t forget to keep sending in your story shares throughout the month of March

Lent
The children are continuing with their Lenten Challenge to collect for our chosen charities and we are asking children to collect 1p/2p and 5ps to add to their class bottles. Well done to Year 2 and reception class who have already filled their bottle once and are starting on their second bottle! This morning Y4 held their cake sale and raised a wonderful £105! Next week Y2 are holding their cake sale with cakes costing 50p each.

North Tyneside Dance Festival
On Monday night the children in Year 5 took part in the North Tyneside Dance Festival where the theme was Icons. There dance was based on Pop Icons from the past and they were a credit to the school as they performed it brilliantly!

Year of the Word
As part of our work during Year of the Word, the children in Years 2-6 received a bible today. These will be used during prayers and RE lessons and help the children to deepen their understanding of the Word of God and how it can impact on our lives. Father Martin came to a special assembly to help bless the bibles and help the children think about their work during this year.

Values
This half term we are focusing on the value of Equality and how we can make our school, community and wider world a fair place for everyone. The children will be spending time learning about this value and how they can live it out in their day to day life.

Image Musical Theatre
On Tuesday we shared a story through drama and song with Image Musical Theatre when they came to share Robin Hood with the whole school. A wonderful afternoon was had by all.

Dates for your Diary
Thursday 12th March – Reception/Year 6 Class Mass
Friday 13th March – Year 5 Class Liturgy
Tuesday 17th March – Year 4 Skipping Festival

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