



# Inspire Bulletin 74 - 26<sup>th</sup> April 2024



Welcome to the next Inspire Bulletin of the summer term! We hope you enjoy reading it!

## Words of the week

**Office (noun):** A room or a part of a building where people work sitting at desks or a position of authority or service, often one of a public nature. *The lunch money was taken to the **office** by Emil. Anya held the **office** of chief constable.*

**Measly (adjective):** Very small or few – *The dinner lady gave me a **measly** portion of vegetables.*

**Extra Challenge Word: Unstinting (Adjective):** Generous and giving without restraint - *She gave everyone she knew the gift of generous and **unstinting** friendship.*

Origin: Unstinting uses the root word stint meaning ungenerous (in this context). Stint comes from Old English stynten, 'to make blunt', from Proto-Germanic stintana, 'to make short' (possibly from as long ago as 500 BCE)

## Thinking Challenges

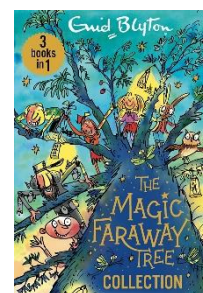
**Years 3/4** – What has a lot of holes but can still hold water?

**Years 5/6** – You may enter, but you may not come in,  
I have space, but no room,  
I have keys, but open no lock.  
What am I?



## Recommended Reading

**Years 3/4** – **The Magic Faraway Tree Collection by Enid Blyton** - When Joe, Beth and Frannie move to the countryside, they discover that their new house lies next to the Enchanted Wood! And in that wood stands the Magic Faraway Tree. This is no ordinary tree - it is home to more magical lands full of elves, pixies, talking creatures and wonderful adventures than the children ever imagined possible! *Join the children and their new friends Moon-Face, Saucepan Man and Silky the Fairy as they explore this most magical of all fairytale worlds in the three original Magic Faraway Tree books.*



**Years 5/6** - **The Silver Sword by Ian Serraillier** is an unforgettable World War II survival story. Although the silver sword was only a paper knife, it became the symbol of hope and courage which kept the Balicki children and their orphan friend Jan alive through the four years of occupation when they had to fend for themselves. And afterwards it inspired them to keep going on the exhausting and dangerous journey from war-torn Poland to Switzerland, where they hoped to find their parents. Based on true accounts, this is a moving story of life during and after the Second World War.



## Wellbeing

### Brightest Star



Close your eyes, be very still and imagine that you are a tiny star. Now imagine that there is a huge star up in the dark blue sky. This star is very bright – it is the brightest star in the whole sky. Slowly, you start to drift up towards the bright star. It feels as if you are being lifted. You feel light and finally you are sitting next to this radiant, shining star. This star is twinkling in the deep blue sky. It is so full of light and looks so brilliant. You feel very comfortable sitting next to it. Can you shine as brightly as the big star? Have a try: be very still and just think of light, and then you can shine like the brightest star in the sky. Keep shining until you are ready to twinkle back to the ground.

**And now, when you are ready, wiggle your fingers and toes, have a big stretch and open your eyes...**

## Maths

**Years 3/4** – Work out the total for this shopping list:

3 bananas at 35p each =

7 onions each at 22p =

4 potatoes at 27p each = **Total =**

**Years 5/6** – The beach resort held a contest to guess the number of beach balls in the net bag. Pearl guessed 20, Luke guessed 21, Georgia guessed 22, Freddie guessed 17 and Chloe guessed 16. One was off by 4, one was off by 3, one by 1, one by 2 and one was correct. How many beach balls were there?

## Poem of the week

**“Hope” is the thing with feathers BY EMILY DICKINSON**

“Hope” is the thing with feathers,  
That perches in the soul,  
And sings the tune without the words,  
And never stops at all,

And sweetest in the gale is heard;  
And sore must be the storm -  
That could abash the little bird  
That kept so many warm.

I’ve heard it in the chilliest land,  
And on the strangest sea,  
Yet, never, in extremity,  
It asked a crumb of me.

## Inspiring Women



### Jocelyn Bell Burnell, Astrophysicist

She discovered a new type of star - the pulsar. Her research gave us a further understanding of the life cycle of stars and planets and she now continues to study stars and black holes.

*"If we assume we've arrived (at absolute truth), we stop searching. We stop developing."*

*And finally ...*

## Thought of the week

*"In the spring, I have counted 136 different kinds of weather inside of 24 hours "- Mark Twain*

We hope you have enjoyed reading this edition of our Inspire bulletin and are always happy to receive any feedback you may have.

## ANSWERS

### Thinking Challenges

Years 3/4 – A sponge

Years 5/6 – A computer

### Maths

Years 3/4  $£1.05 + £1.54 + £1.08 = £3.67$

Years 5/6 - 20