

Western Primary School Newsletter – Friday 22nd January 2021

A little extra help

Western Primary School is now able to refer directly to The Tressell Trust Food Bank in Harrogate. If you are in need of some extra food and struggling to make ends meet then please get in touch with Sophy Bland (Family Support Worker) via the school office and we can arrange for a delivery to your door.



Sporting Influence

Please find attached to this email a PDF which is another bumper issue of Boredom Buster with Sporting Influence. Keep an eye out for Mr Doey's kitchen dancing moves!!



PDF attached to the Newsletter email.

Information on the Website for Covid 19 & Remote Learning

There is a Covid 19 Information page on the school website that has been updated to include a section for Remote Learning, timetables and resources.



Please can you make sure if you or someone in your family test positive that you report it to school even if your child/ren are not attending during this lockdown.

This will be kept up to date for parents' information. Please click on the link below

<https://western.n-yorks.sch.uk/for-parents/covid-19-information/>

[covid operating information - Western Primary School](https://western.n-yorks.sch.uk/for-parents/covid-19-information/)

This page will provide you with all our Covid 19 related information. Any information we have emailed to you is included in our downloads section below.
western.n-yorks.sch.uk

Early Years - Nursery

We have continued our blended learning with some children learning at home and some in our Nursery at school.

It has been lovely seeing the children during our interactive zoom sessions. The children have enjoyed playing in the snow and they made some fantastic snow sculptures including a dog and an igloo. We are now learning about jungles.



This week, Y1 have been using their knowledge of space and their scientific knowledge of materials to design, create, test and evaluate some rockets!

We planned which material might be best to ensure we were meeting the design criteria; we then created them using our DT skills and then we tested them, measured how far they went and completed an evaluation sheet.

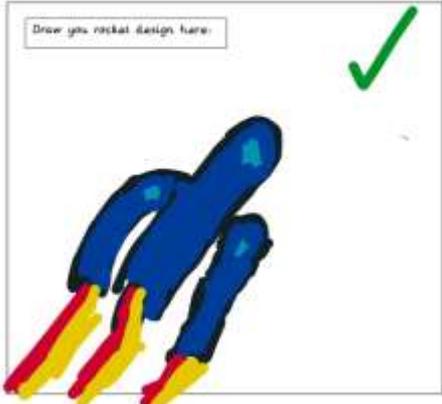
They looked fantastic! Well done Y1!



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Science

I can create purposeful designs following a design criteria

Draw your rocket design here:



Design criteria:

- Strong
- Stable
- Aerodynamic
- Realistic

Materials that I will need to collect:

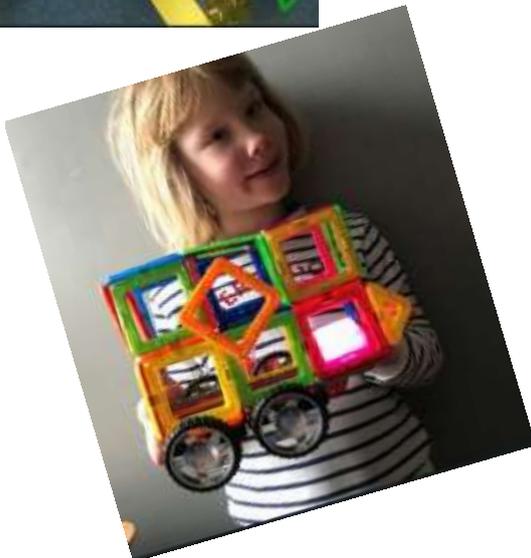
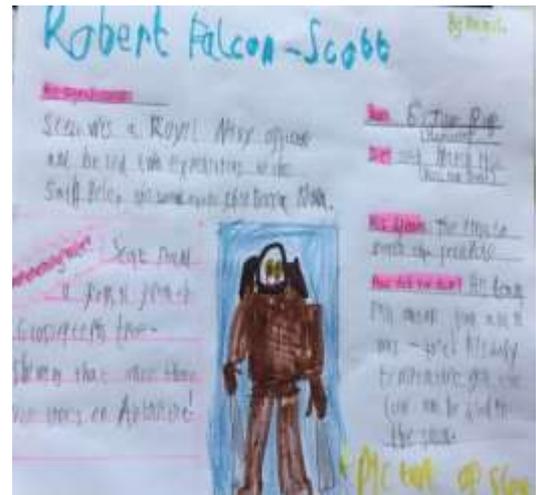
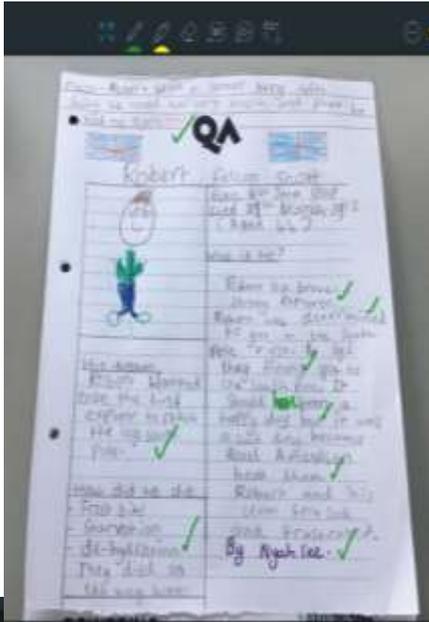
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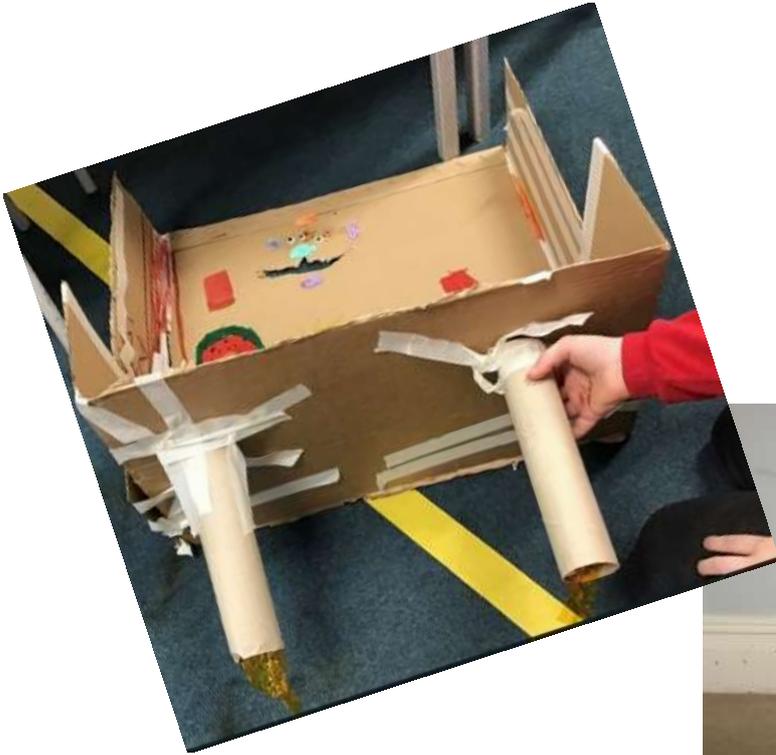


Wow! What an exciting week we have had in Y2

Continuing with our polar theme, we have found out all about Robert Falcon Scott and produced some brilliant fact files about our research. We were very impressed with the children's presentation, extra fact retrieval and the effort and attention they gave to their work.

On Wednesday, we made our very own snow mobiles. We studied the history of these versatile machines and how they have evolved from simple propelled vehicles with skis (very difficult to steer!) to moving across the snow using continuous tracks to help them gain traction in their polar environments. The children used boxes, straws, Lego, plastic, foil...(basically everything and anything they could get their hands on!) to build their amazing snow mobiles. Some of them were so large the children could sit in them. They were certainly prepared for a polar adventure.





We have been experimenting in science this week by carrying out two interesting investigations.

The first one involved making a type of drum, using cling film, and sprinkling hundreds and thousands on top of it. We then used our voices to make the cling film vibrate. The hundreds and thousands jumped around on the drum, in response to our voices!



We also looked at how higher pitched sounds are caused by faster vibrations and lower pitched sounds are caused by slower vibrations. We did this by blowing into a bottle that was filled with a varying amount of fluid.

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I enjoyed these experiments. In the hundreds and thousands experiment you could not only see the sound move but you could feel the vibration too. In the bottle experiment the more water was added the higher the pitch/ sound as there were more vibrations coming off the water at the top of the bottle.



In PE, we enjoyed making our own circuits and timing ourselves.



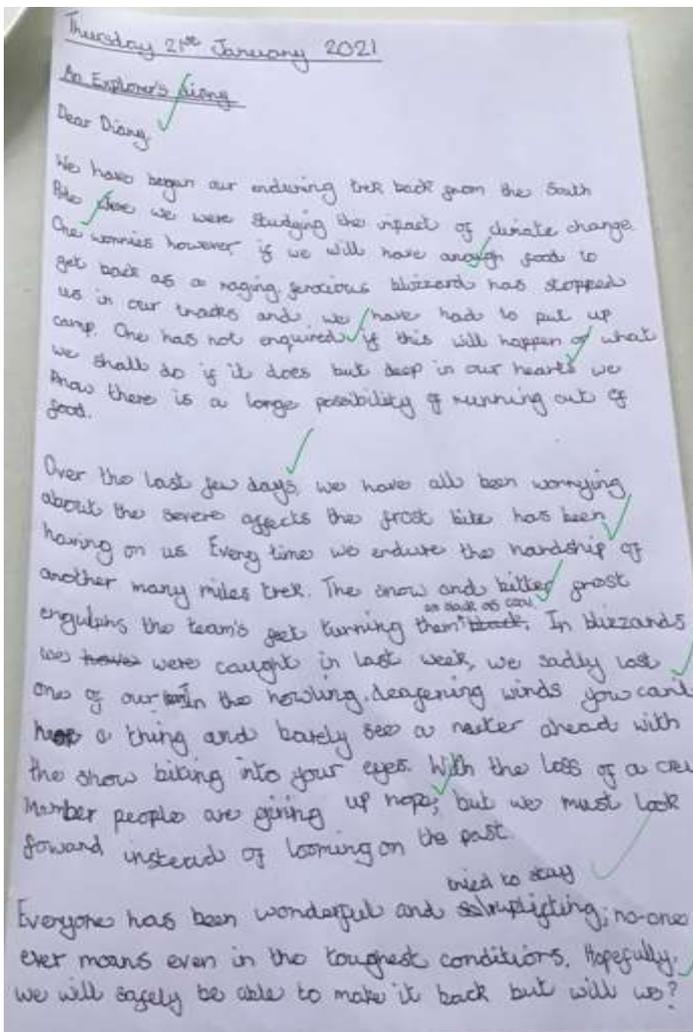
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In RE this week we loved recreating the parable of The Wise Man and The Foolish Man. Here is the story, retold using Lego:



This week, Y5/6 students have really used their imagination and embraced our topic. Students first created persuasive adverts, recruiting a team of men and women for a daring Antarctic expedition. Then, they wrote a diary entry (inspired by Scott) and described the emotional hardships of these brave explorers. Well done everyone!



ATTENTION ALL MEN AND WOMEN!

We are in great need of a reliable and brave team to explore with me and my fellow friends.

Very essential

If you would like to go on an amazing adventure to study Antarctica then you need to be the following: ambitious, brave, collaborative, kind, adventurous and most importantly you need have some skill and some experience of what the climate will be like. It will be cold, so you will need the appropriate clothing and appropriate attitude too. (If you are not collaborative and don't show kindness and positivity then you CANNOT join).



Spaces

If you can be any one of these then please consider coming on the once in a lifetime opportunity to come to Antarctica. If you are a doctor, an experienced explorer, carpenter/builder or vet then please join me and my fellow friends on the expedition.



January Collections – Thank you!!

Thank you for your amazing support for our new Western “We C.A.R.E” Donations project last year; we hope we can continue our efforts this term as it’s going to be a challenging time for so many of us.

We are able to collect any non-perishable items, both food and products, and the team at Resurrected Bites will ensure they are distributed to those in need locally. They are in particular need of toiletries and household cleaning items at the moment (shampoo, toilet paper etc) and would happily take any Christmas food you may have left over if you’re planning a new year diet!

Our red wheelie bin is still available to collect your donations; it’s sitting proudly on the Year 5/6 entrance (next to the bike shed) and will be emptied weekly as usual.

As many of us are not attending school at the moment, donations can also be made daily at the old H2k shop on the Crown roundabout between 2-3pm. The shop is currently empty (the new H2k shop is up the hill), and will be dedicated to food collection. It opened this week, and will be staffed by volunteers. Please take your donations to the shop, and if you have an hour or two to spare to help in the shop - please contact Helen Ellis via Classlist or 07740 391558.

Thank you