

Western Primary School Newsletter – Friday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2021



*Welcome to another issue of our weekly Newsletter where you can get up to date with everything that has been happening, both at school and at home.*

#### Message from Mr Broad

So, another busy, successful but slightly unpredictable half-term has passed us by and we can reflect on the great success we have achieved together in managing to keep our pupils engaged in their learning and moving in the right direction both academically and emotionally, although I appreciate it hasn't been easy. I want to thank all the staff at school for their tireless efforts to not only maintain academic input and standards but also for the additional layer of care and concern they have demonstrated for our pupils during such a difficult time. I would also pay tribute to all of our parents and carers, and in particular those who have had the unenviable task of balancing home learning with working from home. It has been a great team effort – just as it always should be.

The Senior Leadership team will be monitoring the Covid email address ([covid@western.n-yorks.sch.uk](mailto:covid@western.n-yorks.sch.uk)) for the first few days of the holiday up to Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> February. Please use this email address to inform us of any positive test outcomes during this period. It is very important that you can tell us the date that symptoms started and the date of the positive test outcome so we can track this back 48 hours to see who else may need to self-isolate.

I am delighted to see that we now have two Vehicle Activated Signs (VAS) on the road outside school which I hope will go some way towards slowing traffic and making the road safer for all users. Thank you to everyone who supported this campaign. We now need to focus on the volume of traffic using the road and the pollution generated by so many vehicles – watch this space.

It just remains for me now to wish all our families a safe and happy half-term holiday as we wait with bated breath for Mr Johnson's announcement on 22<sup>nd</sup> February.



### School Dinners

The cost of school dinners for all KS2 school children is **£2.30 per day**. The cost of school dinners for this half term is **£57.50**. Please can you make sure that your account is kept in credit. If you have any queries please contact the office.

### School Snack – KS2 only

KS2 snacks are £11.50 flat rate. This cost covers the period 22<sup>nd</sup> February – 26 March for those children in school. Deadline for payment is 24th February please.



Could you please pay online at [www.parentpay.com](http://www.parentpay.com).

### Free online safety guide on Fake News

Fake news can be false information, photos or videos purposefully created to confuse or misinform. It can also be genuine information that has been manipulated to deceive. It is important that we learn how to distinguish between real news and fake news.

In the guide, you'll find tips on a number of potential risks such as cyberbullying, dissemination of truth and confusion.'

Please click on the picture to take you to a full size information poster.



### E Safety Lessons

There was a brilliant LIVE E-safety lesson recently which many children across the country tuned in to watch on the BBC Teach website. If you missed it, the lesson is still available on the BBC website:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/live-lessons/safer-internet-day-live-lesson/zdh2wnb>



### Sporting Influence – fun packed activities!

Please click on the link to take you to the latest Sporting Influence Boredom Buster.

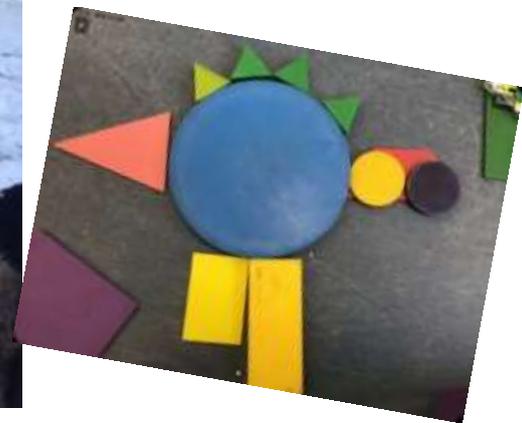
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And another one for over half term – [please click here](#)



Nursery

It's been another busy week in Nursery with some children learning at home and some at school. We have enjoyed learning about dinosaurs; measuring them, making dinosaur feet and volcanoes. We have also enjoyed learning about textures with a lot of sensory snow play both with real snow and with pretend snow. Alongside this we have managed to squeeze in some Valentine's day and Chinese New Year activities. Well done everyone!

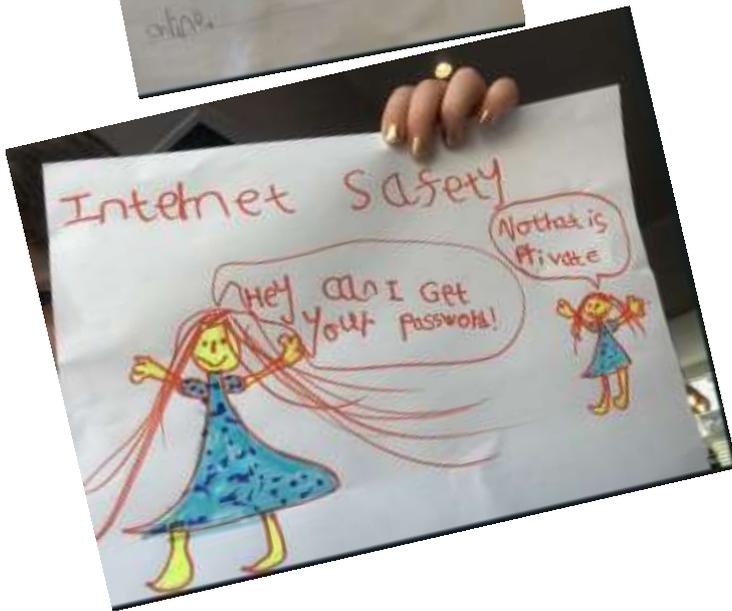
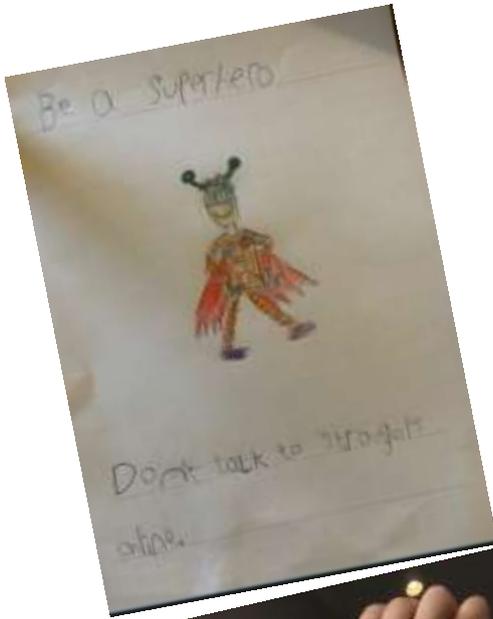


## Early Years~ Reception

This week we have enjoyed learning about Chinese New Year and finding out how this is celebrated. We feel very lucky that some of our children were able to share some of their own experiences with us.

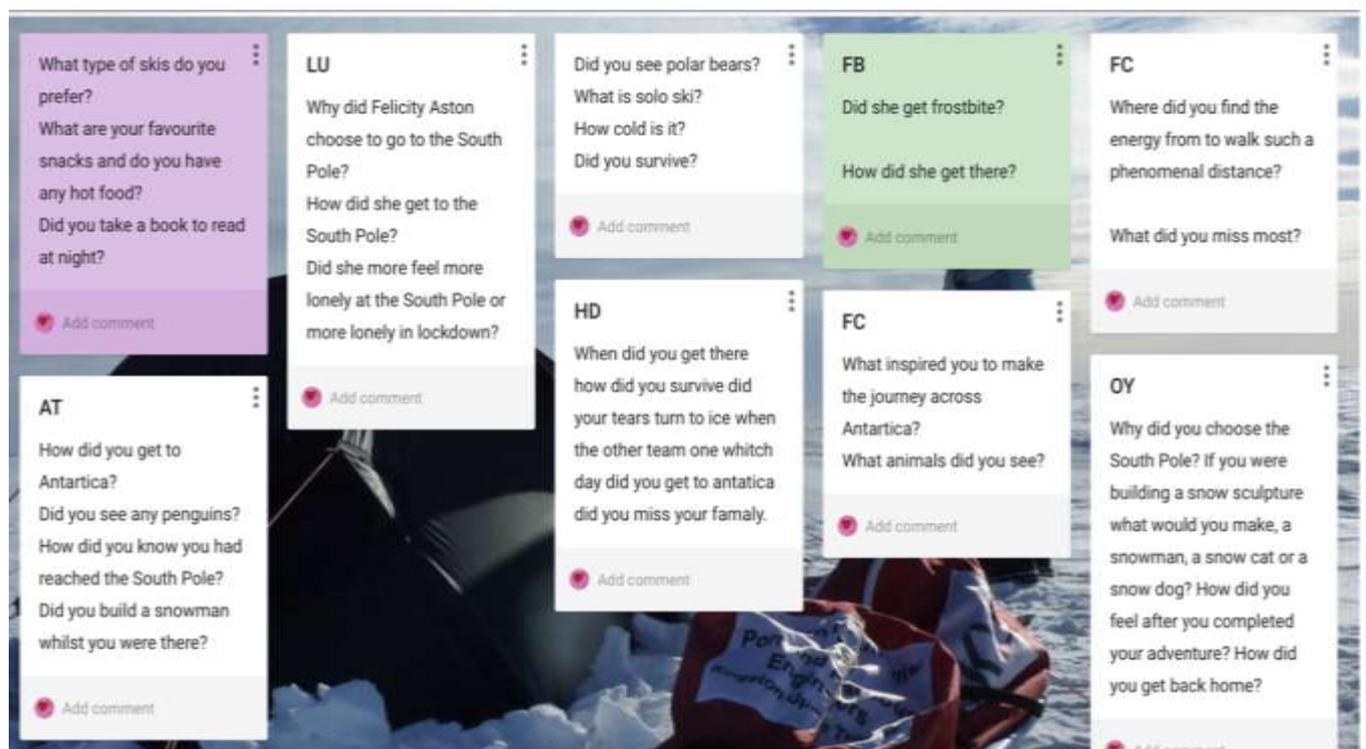


For our Internet Safety Day on Tuesday, Y1 created some fantastic and informative posters and videos telling us all how to keep safe online. Some superb advice everyone!



Y2 have had a Q & A with famous British polar explorer and scientist Felicity Aston. Felicity was the first female to ski solo across Antarctica. It was a journey of 1744km that took 59 days to complete and which gave her a place in the book of Guinness World Records.

Children posted their questions on Padlet and they were posted onto Twitter, where Felicity very kindly answered them.



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All Mentions

**felicity\_aston** @felicity\_aston · 10h  
 Replying to @HebblewhiteMr  
 I survived! I didn't carry a thermometre so I don't know how cold it was but I suspect around -40C at its coldest. I didn't see Polar Bears because they only live at the North Pole (other end!).

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 Replying to @felicity\_aston and @HebblewhiteMr  
 I got to Antarctica by plane. I didn't see any penguins and I knew I had reached the South Pole because there is a big sign and a special sculpture on a stick that marks the spot (there is also a silver ball with the flags of the original Antarctic Treaty nations around it)

**felicity\_aston** @felicity\_aston · 10h  
 Replying to @felicity\_aston and @HebblewhiteMr  
 I was inspired to see as much of Antarctica as I could, and to know what it would feel like to be in the Antarctic landscape all by myself. I didn't see any animals at all because there is no wildlife in Antarctica once you move away from where there is open water.

**felicity\_aston** @felicity\_aston · 10h  
 Replying to @felicity\_aston and @HebblewhiteMr  
 My skis were long nordic back country skis (Asnes Amundsen) with short 'skins' on the back (bits of textured material to add grip). Favourite snacks are chocolate (lots!) and peanut butter. I had hot food for breakfast and dinner. I didn't take a book because it was too heavy!

**felicity\_aston** @felicity\_aston · 10h  
 Replying to @felicity\_aston and @HebblewhiteMr  
 I didn't build a snowman, a snow dog or a snow cat...the snow in some parts of Antarctica is so dry that it doesn't stick together very well to make things like snowballs. But you can cut bricks out of it with a saw, so it is very good for making walls and letters- I've done that

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 Tears do turn to ice, particularly if you shed tears while wearing goggles - you end up with an icy layer on the inside of your goggles and you can't see anything!

**felicity\_aston** @felicity\_aston · 10h  
 Replying to @felicity\_aston and @HebblewhiteMr  
 Thankfully I didn't get any frostbite. What I missed most - apart from loved ones - was a hot shower and a fresh change of clothes. I didn't get either in two months! 'Solo' ski means to be by yourself without a team.

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It was Safer Internet Day on Tuesday and across the school there were lots of lessons and e-safety discussions taking place.

In Year 2, the children thought about the things that make them feel happy and sad online. They also talked about 'trusted adults' and who they can talk to if they see something online that worries them or upsets them. The children were given examples of how they can voice these worries to give them confidence in a variety of scenarios.



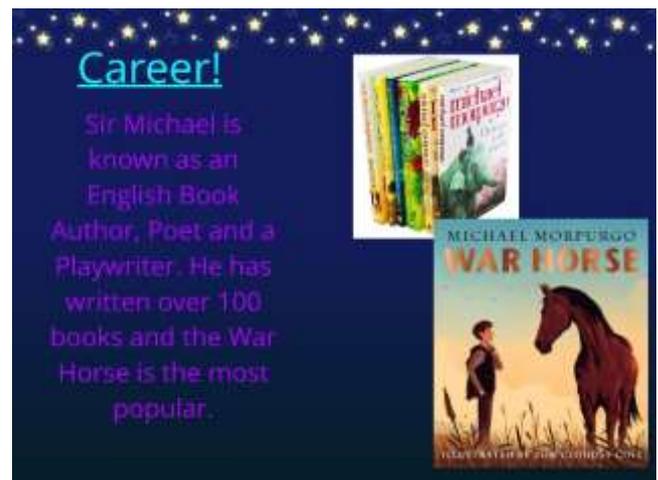
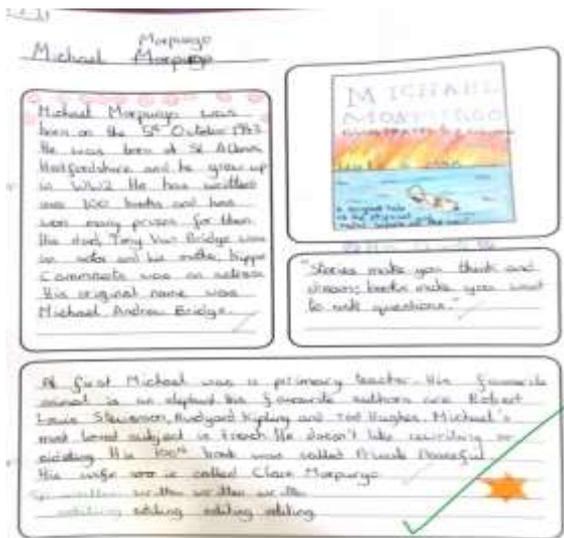
Here are some examples of their posters:



Y3/4 spent an hour, this week, in the company of the fantastic author, Michael Morpurgo. He really inspired us to read and write by reading extracts from his books and by giving us creative writing tips!



In our English work, this week, we also enjoyed finding out some facts about Michael Morpurgo:



We have had such a lot of snow just recently, and we thought that we would share some photos of us enjoying the snow:



We said goodbye, last week, to the lovely gentleman, Captain Sir Tom Moore. This week, in our work, we thought about the impact that this amazing man had on so many lives

11/02/21  
 Who is Captain Sir Tom Moore?  
 Tom Moore was born in Keelton on the 30th of April 1920 and turned into a great man when he died he was 100 years old he died on the 2nd of February 2021.  
 What was he famous for?  
 For firstly Tom joined the British Army during world war 2 and helped lots of people fighting in the horrible war. Then in April Captain Sir Tom decided to try to raise £1000 for lots of charity's by walking 100 laps of his garden. He raised £3.3 million. On his birthday, he got over 150,000 fcards from all around the world.  
 Why is he an inspiration?  
 He is an inspiration to human beings. He did a little thing to raise lots of money. and he even got top of the charts by singing. You will never walk alone. He inspired lots of people and to do something like her did a boy called Harry did about 5 laps around his garden. A woman that was 99 did 50 laps around her garden.  
 He is a great man and is remembered during these difficult and crazy times.

He had a great sense of humour that you could see when his single became No.1.

He encouraged the nation to walk and talk and has inspired many other people to walk and raise money for charity.

We will miss him being in the news and very sad that he has died but he achieved so much in a very short time!

An amazing gentleman!



### Captain Sir Tom Moore

Captain Tom Moore raised about 3.3 million pounds by walking laps of his garden.

Captain Tom Moore was here in Yorkshire and fought in World War 2.

Captain Tom Moore wanted to raise £1000 for the NHS to help with the covid epidemic.



When he turned 100 years old, he was sent 150 birthday cards from all over the world.

He got a birthday card from the queen for reaching 100 years old.

The queen knighthooded him Captain Sir Tom Moore. And he sadly died this year.



Captain Tom Moore

- I think Captain Tom Moore deserved the knighthood that the Queen gave him.
- It was an amazing achievement because he was 100 years old.
- I'm very sad that Captain Tom Moore has died because he was such a kind man.
- I thought Captain Tom Moore was very positive about every thing which was amazing considering the pandemic we're in.
- I think Captain Tom Moore was an inspiration to people because he was so nice.
- I thought Captain Tom Moore was a very nice person because he raised lots of money for the NHS.



Born 30th April 1920 Yorkshire	Joined Army 1939	Left Army 1960	6th April 2020 started Sunrun	24th April 2020 No.1 single	30th April 2020 Raised £30 million pounds	17th July 2020 knighted by the Queen	Died 2nd February 2021



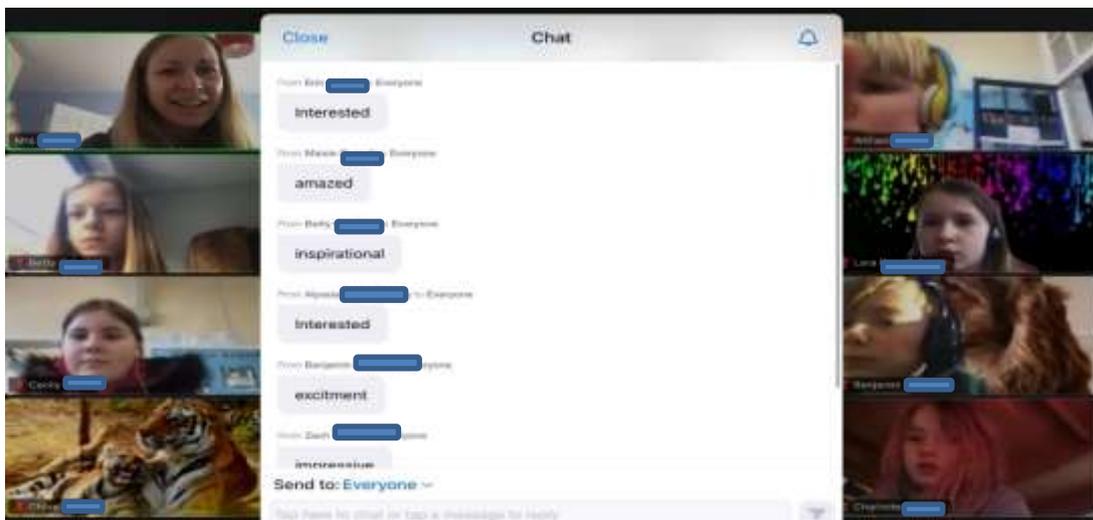
### Antarctic Visitor!

We were delighted to welcome Nigel Ware onto Zoom in Y5/6 this week.

Mr Ware travelled to and around Antarctica a few years ago and therefore was able to talk to the children about his time there, whilst also linking to the areas we have covered already this term, such as: topography, explorers and famous expeditions, wildlife and the Antarctic Treaty. He was able to really bring the children's learning to life as well as share some of his amazing photos.

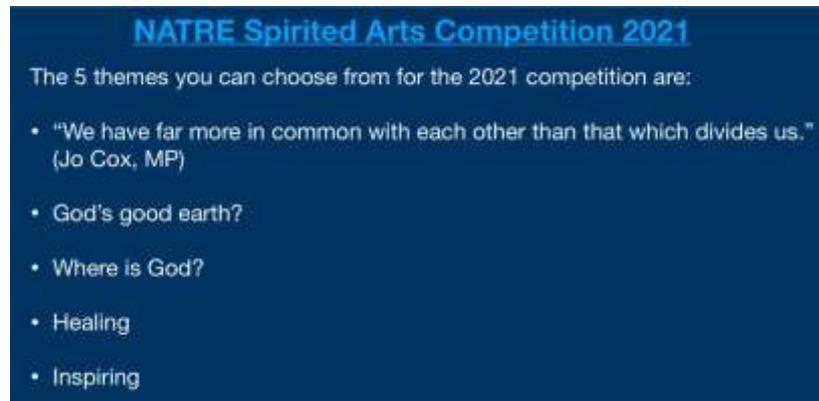


Judging by these comments from Mrs Howes' class, the children loved it!



## RE Competition

In RE recently, the children have been creating work as part of 'The Spirited Arts Competition'. Children were challenged to create anything from poetry to a 3D sculpture linked to one of the themes below:



**NATRE Spirited Arts Competition 2021**

The 5 themes you can choose from for the 2021 competition are:

- "We have far more in common with each other than that which divides us."  
(Jo Cox, MP)
- God's good earth?
- Where is God?
- Healing
- Inspiring

We had some really amazing entries including poems, drawings, 3d models, photography, videos, music, nail art and baking, but unfortunately, the competition only permits 10 entries per school. After much deliberation, and a very close-run contest, I am pleased to announce that the following children's entries will be submitted to represent Western Primary in the national competition later in the year:

Bella B, Betsy W, Chloe A, Eva H, Freya S, Isaac O, Lily M, Sophia H, Yasmin S and Zach L.

Congratulations – we know you will make Western proud and well done to everyone who took part!



Keep up all the amazing hard work Y5/6!

## The Art Class in Box

The Art Class in a Box was set up by Western Primary School mum Olivia Graham and her friend Rachel Deniz (both teachers and artists) during “ Lockdown 2”.

Art class in a box is a new venture which aims to provide adults and children alike with educational art projects and all the material required, as well as free video tutorials, all in a box each month. You can purchase a single box to get started or sign up to receive a new box each month. A different medium is introduced each month, so that you can try something new and follow the step by step handouts and tutorials in the comfort of your own home!



We're busy creating! This is a sneak preview of our March box which can be pre-ordered, for dispatch from the 20th February. Alternatively you can subscribe for 3/6 months from February, and this will be your second box, to arrive later this month

<https://theartclassinabox.co.uk/collections/child-art-box/products/young-artist-subscription-box>

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