

Western Primary School Newsletter – Friday 5th March 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.

World Book Day Token

Your child should have received their World Book Day token today, which enables them to own one of the many World Book Day books from this year's range. Look out for an emailed electronic version of the token if your child is learning from home. There are some fantastic titles this year, which are included below.

These tokens can be redeemed in a number of participating stores. Further details and terms and conditions can be found on the token.



Local Book Store

In the spirit of helping others, we would like to promote one of our fantastic local independent businesses. We have spoken to [Imagined Things Bookshop in Westminster Arcade](#) and asked if they were able to redeem the vouchers. They were over the moon to help and have a fantastic display in their window (see below) of the £1 books that are redeemable with the World Book Day vouchers.

They are very happy for parents to call the bookstore to arrange collection of the book they'd like and show the token through the window. They also have many other fantastic titles, so are happy to take payment over the phone or via bank transfer if something else catches your eye.

They are also extending the deadline to accept the World Book Day tokens until the end of May, so if people feel more comfortable going to the store then or are currently shielding they are not missing out on spending the token due to current restrictions.

Imagined Things is a beautiful, independent bookshop that sells a huge range of books for children and adults. We would like to work closely with Imagined Things in the coming months, when restrictions are lifted, to further enhance our selection of books in school and raise the profile of reading and we hope to arrange many events with them that our children can enjoy in the near future.



Recommended Reads

Staff and children from across the school have compiled a list of recommended reads for each year group. These lists are now available on our school website under the Reading/Phonics curriculum section and the year group pages.

These titles will be reviewed annually and updated in response to new titles and authors that our children will enjoy. We hope to inspire our children and encourage an ever growing love for reading with these books and we hope that helps to give you a broad selection of recommended age-appropriate texts for home. Imagined Things Bookstore are able to order any book, usually for the next day - another way that we can support one of our fantastic local businesses.



Recommended reads for Year 2



Recommended Reads for Year 5/6



School Holiday Dates 2021-2022

Please click on the link to see next year’s term dates and training days.

<https://western.n-yorks.sch.uk/common/images/downloads/2021226095524-HOLIDAY-DATES-21-22.pdf>



KS2 Snacks – 8 March

Snack payment for those Key Stage 2 pupils who are returning to school on 8th March and have not already been in school, is now open. The cost for the rest of this half term is £7.00 per child. We have fruit and one other choice each day. Please note that Parentpay will close on Tuesday 9th March.



Nursery

The children in nursery have been really busy this week. We are continuing to learn about mini-beasts. We have made playdough ladybirds, worm prints, used our funky fingers to thread Cherrio worms, used the big sandpit and found real worms outside.



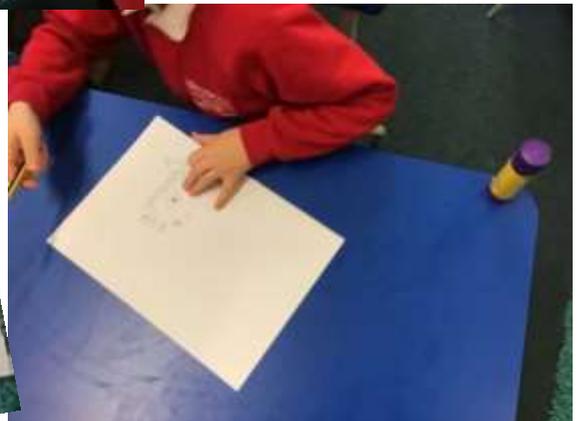
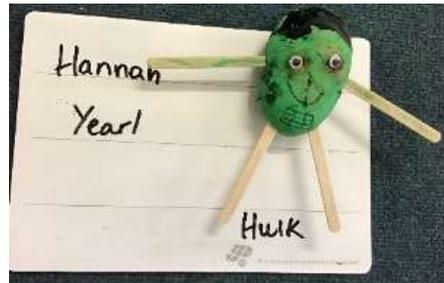
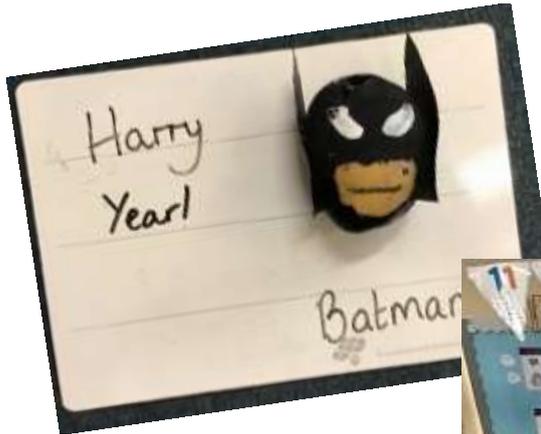
Early Years - Reception

The children have enjoyed making their own revolting Sam's Sandwich story books. We played a trick on Mr Broad and made him eat a revolting sandwich!

We have enjoyed learning about mini-beasts and have been very creative. In Maths we have been learning about time.



Y1 have had a fantastic World Book Day! We started our day with a book; we created our own characters using potatoes and lots of craft skills! We watched a live session with Tom Fletcher, Lydia Monks and some other exciting author and illustrators, and we then watched a draw-along with Rob Biddulph and created our very own Gregosaurus'. We ended the day with a story and lots of smiley faces!



What an exciting World Book Day we've had in Y2. There have been so many different activities taking place and the children have been displaying all their creative skills in producing some fantastic work. We love our books in Y2

We've had drawings of the Gregosaurus after watching the inspirational illustrator Rob Biddulph.



We have had some mystery readers...





And decorated potatoes...



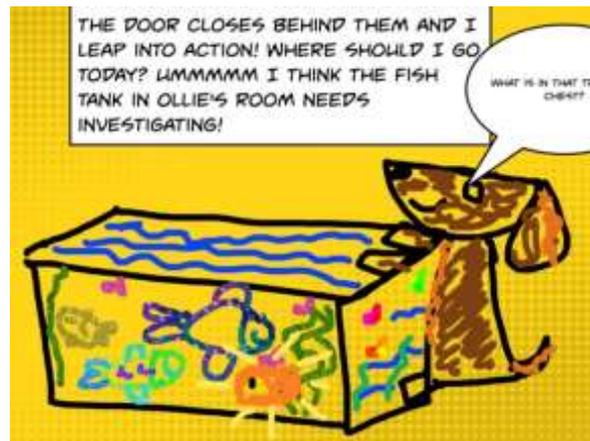
This week, it was World Book Day so we took part in a whole school activity where we used our creativity to turn a potato into a character from a book.

Here are some lovely examples:

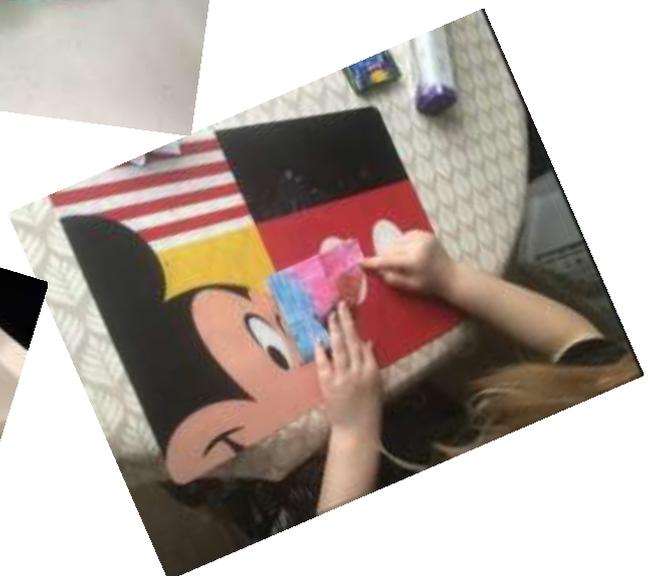


We also watched a video by Alex T Smith, who is an author and illustrator, and he gave us some inspiration to produce a character for a story. We then used our ideas to produce a cartoon strip:





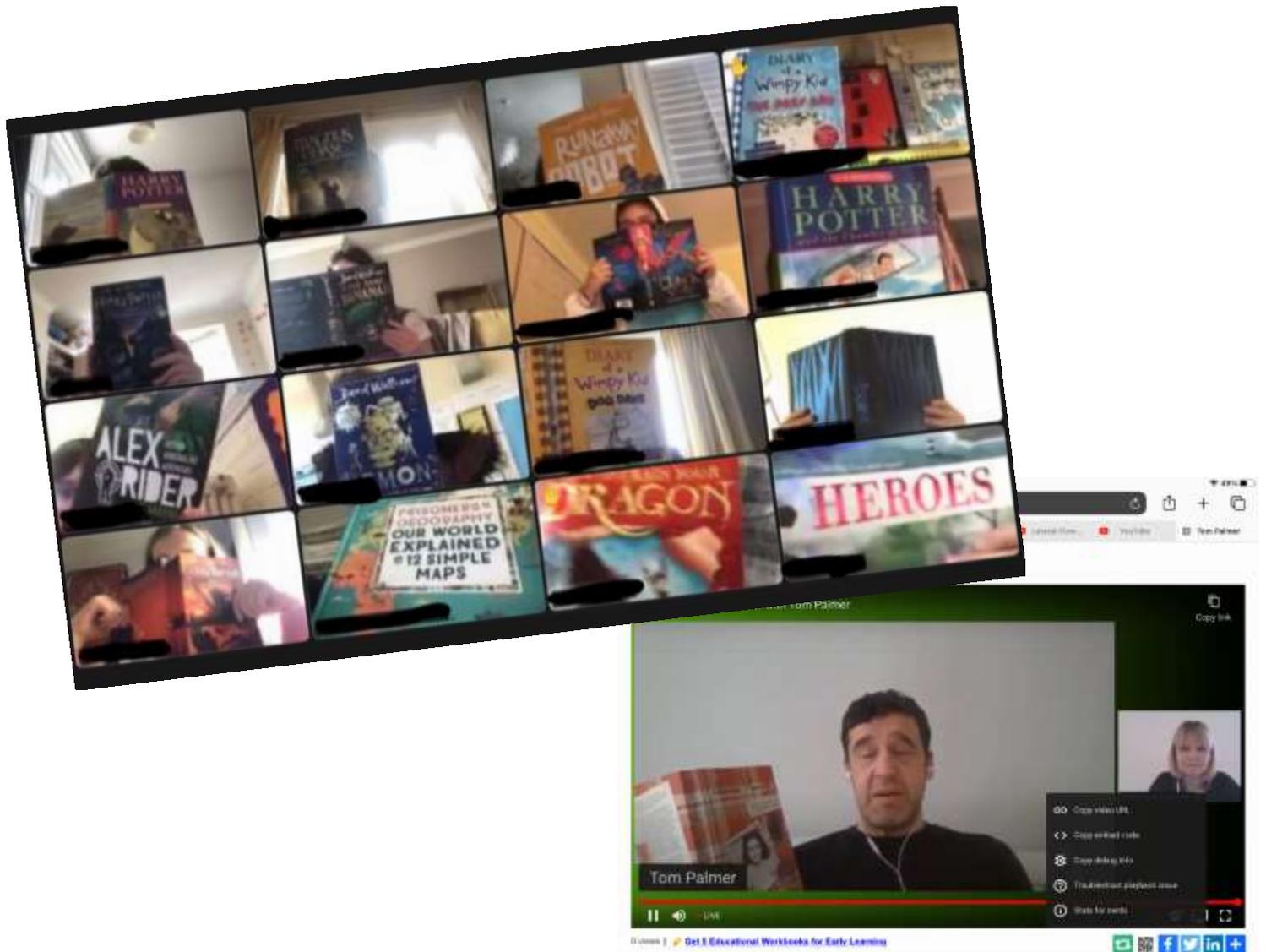
As part of our 'Inventors and Inventions' topic, we looked at the invention of the Mackintosh coat. We made several boats out of paper and coated them with different materials. We then tested them in water to see how waterproof they were.



We cannot express just how proud we are of the children's attitude during this period of time. Whether they have been in school, at home, or a mixture of the two, they have approached work with a positive, can-do attitude and their resilience has never faltered. We must also pay tribute to everyone at home. Your unwavering love and support has been overwhelming and is the reason this period of learning has been such a great success. We cannot thank you enough for everything that you have done to work alongside us and allow your children to grow, flourish and succeed over these last few months. We cannot wait to be back in school next week!

Thursday saw us celebrating World Book Day with a variety of activities happening in school and at home. The Mystery Reader quiz entries have been excellent and the submissions children have made for their own Mystery Reader photographs have been fabulous too. We can't wait to get them on display when we return!

The children took part in an inspirational live and interactive interview with award winning children's author Tom Palmer and also enjoyed listening to the opening chapters as well as short stories.





Thank you to all the families who have continued to donate through this latest lockdown; we have continued to make our weekly donations throughout and know they are greatly appreciated by the team at Resurrected Bites (RB) as they continue to support local people in need.

If you are planning to have a spring-clean and find unopened food or household products which you may no longer need, please consider donating into the red wheelie bin in the school car park.

As news of our Western CARE project has circulated locally, we're pleased to announce Sainsburys Local on Cold Bath Road have joined our efforts, and are now donating their excess food and products too.

If you know of any local businesses who may be interested, Resurrected Bites have a team of volunteer drivers across town who will collect donations. Please remember if you spot or hear of any food being thrown away, please steer the items towards RB, it really does make a difference. They will take anything, large or small, except items that have gone past their use by dates without being frozen.

This week they are short of:

Shampoo	Hot Chocolate
Small jars of coffee	Jam
Cordial	Sanitary pads
Bleach	Cleaning products
Tinned Pasta	Tampons
Tinned Beans	UHT milk

Resurrected Bites is partnered with Fareshare, Neighbourly and Harrogate Waste Not Want Not. With the help of these organisations, they 'intercept' good quality ingredients that were destined for landfill. In addition to these partnerships, Resurrected Bites work closely with a range of local schools, organisations, community groups and businesses such as Aldi, Co-op, Greggs, Marks & Spencer, Morrison's & Waitrose.

If you need support for your family, please contact Sophy Bland, family support worker at Western, who will be able to support you in contacting Resurrected Bites &/or the Trussell Trust Foodbank. The team at Western aim to support people who cannot get food for themselves either because of a lack of funds, being unable to get to the Foodbank or don't have a friend or family member who can help them with their shopping if they are shielding and unable to afford a home delivery.

Thank you so much for your support.

For more information please see: <https://resurrectedbites.co.uk/>