

Dear Parents and Carers,

The first week of a new term has passed successfully and we look forward to many more to come. The children seem happy and focused and are eagerly exploring their new topics.

This first week has also seen the school switch over to the Trust's new IT system which is a huge project, designed to homogenise IT systems across 13 schools. It has gone very smoothly on the whole with only a few minor teething problems, some of which have affected this publication as you will see later!

On the pandemic front, although infection and transmission rates continue to decline, school is still operating under the same protocols as we did last term and this will remain the case until 17th May at the earliest. I would like to thank parents and carers for continuing to respect and comply with these protocols. The only difficulty we are facing, is the number of children who are arriving much earlier than the start time for their bubble. Whilst I appreciate that timings can be tricky in the mornings, I would politely request that pupils don't arrive more than 5 minutes before their actual start time.

Tim Broad

New school email addresses

We have had installed a new IT system and telephone system over the Easter holidays.

Our brand new email addresses are below:

The office office@wes.rklt.co.uk

Year 1 year1@wes.rklt.co.uk

Year 2 year2@wes.rklt.co.uk

Year 3/4 year3_4@wes.rklt.co.uk

Year 5/6 year5_6@wes.rklt.co.uk



Cool Milk

If you would like to sign your child up for milk in a morning, please log on to Coolmilk.com (or click [here](#)) and register your child/ren. (It can take them up to a fortnight to process your request I'm afraid!) If your child is under five there is no charge, otherwise it is 22p a day and, once you are registered, they will send you a reminder message when you need to pay. You can pay half termly, termly or for a full year.

Early Years- Nursery

The children in nursery have had a lovely week back at school and we have been really impressed how they have settled back into their routines so quickly. We have begun learning about traditional fairy tales and have loved playing in our role-play castles. The children have enjoyed painting beanstalks and trolls and exploring our new garden themed sensory tray. The children have also worked as a team by creating a giant marble runs in our outside area. What a great first week!

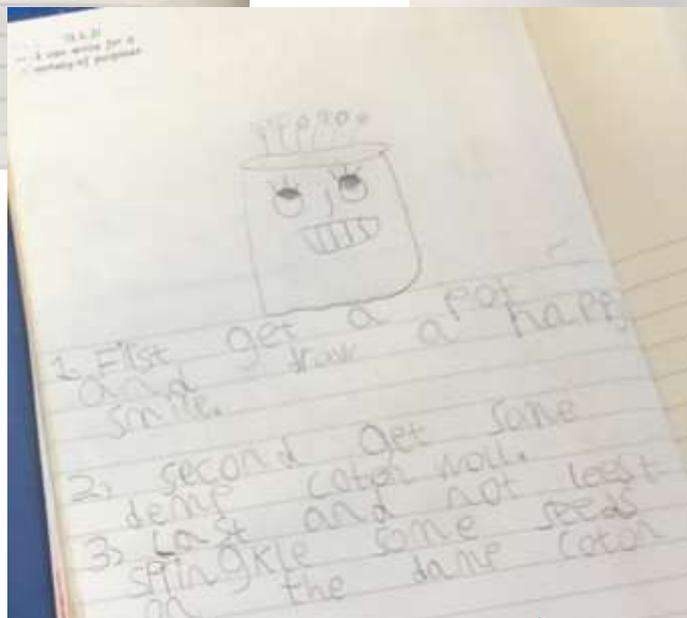
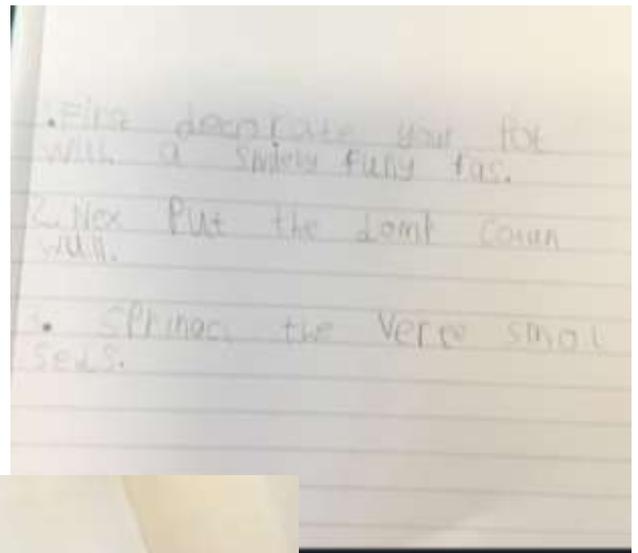
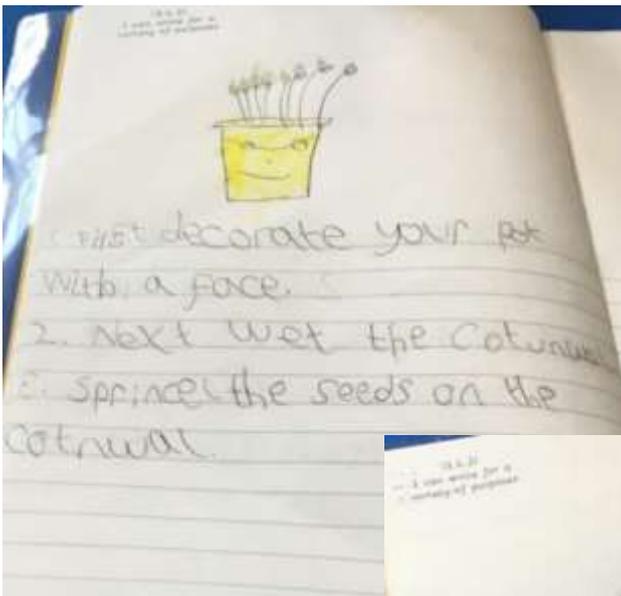


Reception

The Reception have had a fun-filled first week back at school and they have loved exploring and learning in our new outside area. We have begun our topic of traditional story tales by listening to the story of Jack and the Beanstalk. The children have planted their own bean plants, painted the characters from the story and constructed wonderful junk model castles. In our maths sessions we have revised our knowledge of length, height and width by measuring with blocks and rulers. A lovely first week back, well done Reception!

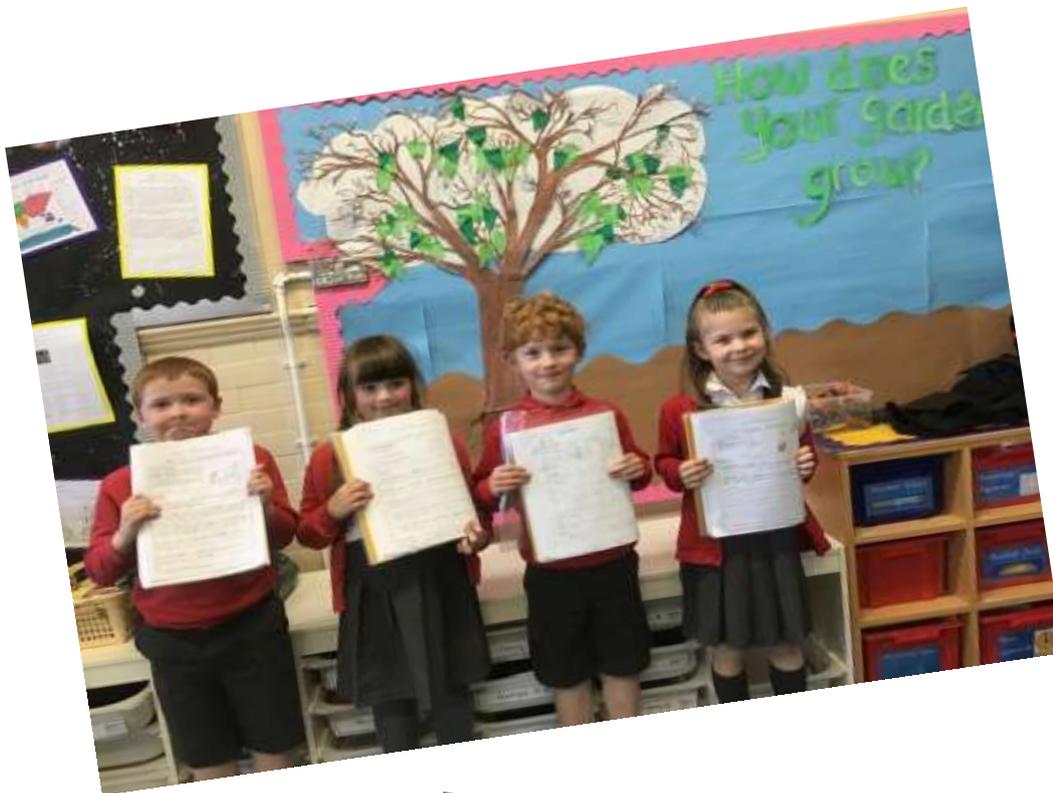


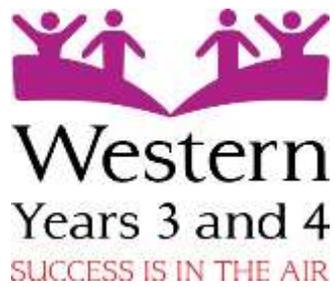
Y1 have started their topic all about plants, and looking at how our garden grows this week. We have had lots of fun planting seeds, 'working' in our garden centre and writing some fantastic instructions all about how to plant our very own cress heads. Well done on a fabulous week back Y1!



It has been a busy first week back in Y2. The children have been very engaged with their new topic 'How Does Your Garden Grow?'. We have created a Padlet (a virtual learning board) with all the questions the children had about plants and habitats in the environment. In science, they have been studying plants and learning scientific vocabulary. In our English lessons, they used this knowledge and terminology to write instructions about how to plant a sunflower seed.

In PSHE, the children have been learning about being ambitious and setting themselves goals and targets. They thought carefully about the small steps needed towards achieving their aims.





Unfortunately, due to an ongoing Wi-Fi problem in school today, we are not able to bring to you our usual highlights of the week. Normal service will be resumed next Friday!

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'Get Moving with Western'

Each week, we are going to provide a fun idea to help you (and your adults) to get active in this lovely Spring weather.

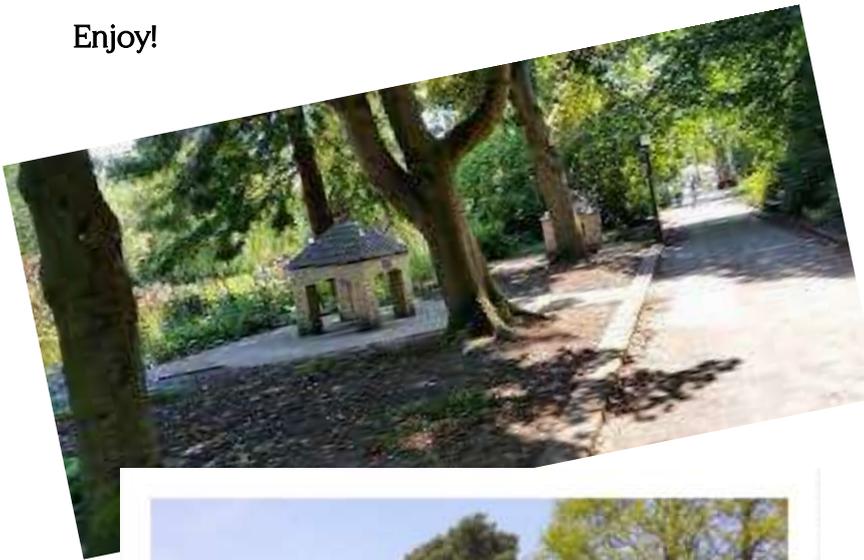
This might be a local walk, a game, a challenge or a new skill to try!

This week, we are starting off with a walk that you may have done before, but if you do it after reading this we would love to see pictures! You could email them to:

It is a walk from Harlow Carr through to Valley Gardens. I (Mrs Sykes Y1) love to do this walk with my border collie George, and then we go for a hot drink and maybe a cake or ice cream in Harrogate before walking back.

Below is a map to follow and some pictures from along the way, can you find these things while you are on the walk?

Enjoy!



RHS GARDEN HARLOW CARR

Harlow Carr provides a fun and engaging day out for the whole family with exciting seasonal events throughout the year. Beth's Café, Tea Rooms and the RHS Shop & Plant Centre.



KEY TO RHS GARDEN HARLOW CARR

- 1 Sandstone Rock Garden
- 2 Streamside
- 3 Winter Walk
- 4 Main Borders
- 5 Kitchen Garden
- 6 Alpine House
- 7 Scented Garden
- 8 Fledge Garden
- 9 Bird Hide
- 10 Cottage Top Tree House
- 11 Children's Play Area
- 12 Waterlily Meadow
- 13 Aspidy
- 14 Beth's Tree For Life Project
- 15 Lupton's Minster
- 16 The Lodge
- 17 Teaching Garden



The Pinewoods is made up of Scots Pine, Rowan Birch and Sycamore, amongst other species. Look out for bat and bird boxes on the trees.



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VALLEY GARDENS AND PINEWOODS



JUST FOLLOW THE RED DOTTED LINE (SHOWN ABOVE)

On entering Valley Gardens, keep to the path on the left, following the stream. At the Magnesia Well Café veer right, taking the central path past the bandstand. Keep straight and you will pass the tennis courts, Pitch & Put and Disc Golf. Keep going until you reach the War Memorial. Take the middle path signposted 'To Harlow Carr Gardens'. Continue straight ahead through the Pinewoods until you reach the road. Cross the path directly opposite, signposted 'To Crag Lane'. Follow this path until you reach a large grassed area known as the Recreation Ground. Keep to your right. Follow this to a metal barrier and turn left onto Crag Lane to reach RHS Garden Harlow Carr.

THE WALK TAKES ABOUT AN HOUR AT A LEISURELY PACE

KEY TO VALLEY GARDENS

- 1 Colonnade and Sun Parlour
- 2 Sun Pavilion
- 3 Bandstand
- 4 Magnesia Well Café
- 5 New Zealand Garden
- 6 Toilets
- 7 Gothic Magnesia Well Pump Room
- 8 Bowling Pool
- 9 Japanese Garden
- 10 Tennis Courts and Crazy Golf
- 11 Gianni Pavilion
- 12 Fly Area
- 13 Pinetum
- 14 War Memorial Pump Room
- 15 Slate Puck

Red dotted line indicates the most direct route through the Valley Gardens and Pinewoods to RHS Garden Harlow Carr. ● Indicates interpretation board.

Registered support dogs only are allowed in RHS Garden Harlow Carr. Please keep dogs on leads in the Valley Gardens.



Free Training Course – Teaching Grammar

Please see below information about a free training course designed for parents about the teaching of Grammar in Primary Schools. It is a 45 min session run by a company called Dandelion Learning.



The details below have been taken directly from their website. You can book a virtual place on the course here:

<https://www.dandelionlearning.co.uk/helping-parents-with-home-learning-getting-to-grips-with-grammar/>

In this session we will explore: Grammatical terminology. Consolidate your understanding of word classes including nouns, verbs, adjectives, determiners, conjunctions, pronouns and adverbs. Ways to support your child at home with their understanding of grammar. This 45 minute session is free to all parents who have children at Primary School. Monday 10th May 2021 7pm – 7.45pm

Harrogate Ladies College Open Days

Open Day - Monday 3rd May, 9am-5pm

Harrogate Ladies' College's Open Day takes place on Bank Holiday which is a normal teaching day for College, but they'll be doing things a little bit differently! To book a personal appointment which includes a meeting with the Principal, Mrs Sylvia Brett; a socially distanced tour of College and a meeting with a Head of School or Department please visit: hlc.org.uk/od or email events@hlc.org.uk

Virtual Open Day - Thursday 6th May, 7.30-8.30pm

Harrogate Ladies' College are also holding a Virtual Open Day in May which is a great opportunity to find out what makes them different from the comfort of your home! There'll be live presentations from the Principal, Mrs Sylvia Brett and Heads of School; pupil videos; virtual tours of College and a boarding house; live Q&A with senior members of staff and more! To register please visit: hlc.org.uk/vod or email events@hlc.org.uk

