

Western Primary School Newsletter – Friday 23rd April 2021

Welcome to Western's weekly newsletter where you can find out what your children have been up to this week and catch up on other events which are going on or in the planning stage.

Internet Watch Foundation

Please find the time to use the links below to get up to date with important information from the Internet Watch Foundation to help you keep your children safe online.



IWF
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It is a national campaign running from Wednesday 21 April for six weeks. You can find out more on the [IWF website](#), as well as specific sites for [parents](#) and [young people](#).

Stay Safe in North Yorkshire – Covid Related guide for parents

Please click [here](#) for further information

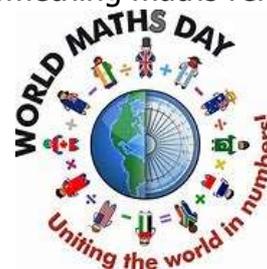


Wednesday 5th May is Maths Day!

On this day, your child will be taking part in loads of fun and practical maths! We would like you to send your child into school on this day dressed as something maths related!

Ideas include:

- An outfit with numbers on (e.g. football strip)
- An outfit with shapes on
- An outfit which includes a repeating pattern
- Dressing as a famous mathematician
- A plain white t-shirt decorated with maths symbols, numbers etc



See the photos below for more ideas!



Early Years~ Nursery

In nursery we have been busy planting this week and enjoying the Jack and the Beanstalk story. We have also made towers and patterns and enjoyed the sunshine!



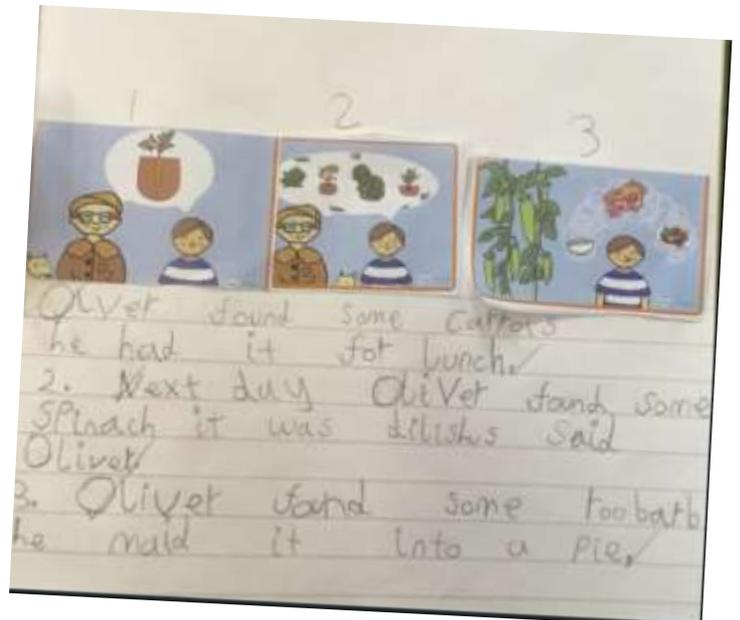
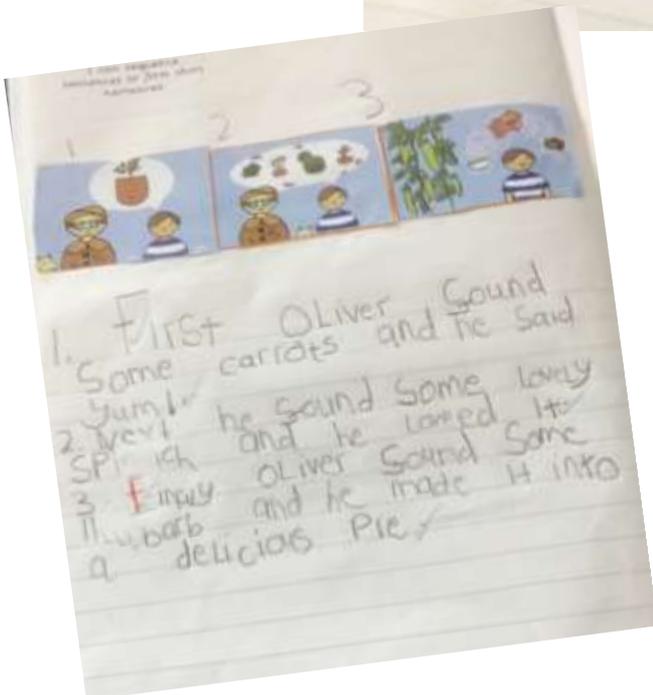
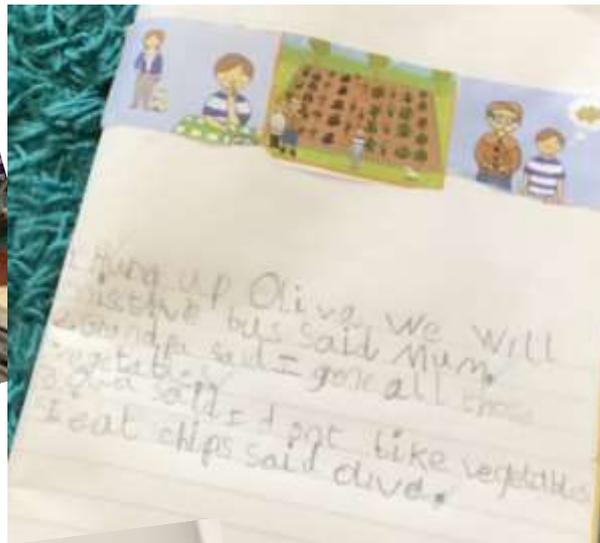
Early Years~ Reception

We have enjoyed the story of Goldilocks and the Three Bears. We have written letters from Goldilocks to the Bears and have enjoyed tasting porridge! We have been working on our teen numbers in Maths. We have also enjoyed the sunshine, made music and explored length and height!



Y1 have been carrying on their learning this week all about plants. We have focused our English lessons on 'Oliver's vegetables,' all about a boy who thinks he doesn't like any vegetables, until he tries lots from his Grandpa's garden! We have retold this story day by day and done a fantastic job.

We have also been looking at the food that plants produce, and how these are healthy choices for our bodies. We even had the chance to make some fruit kebabs! Yum!

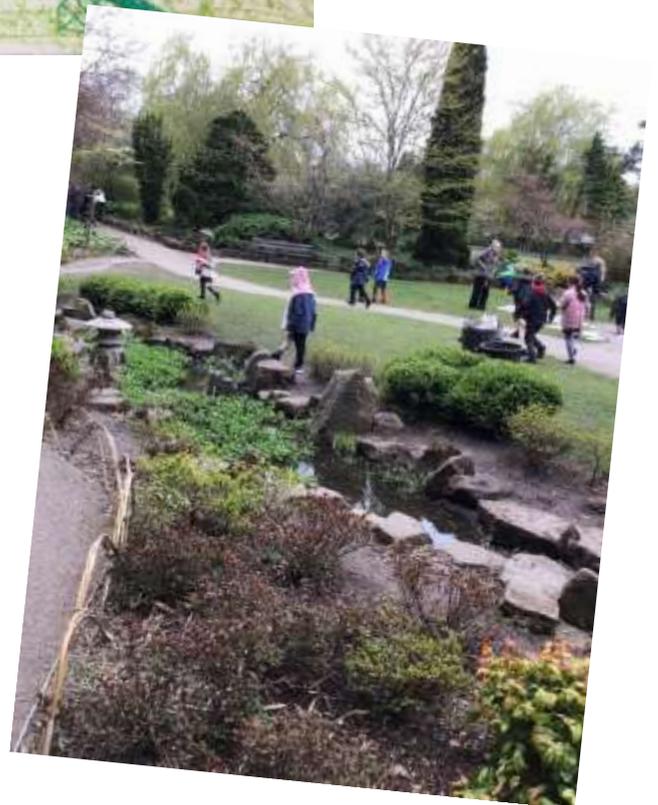
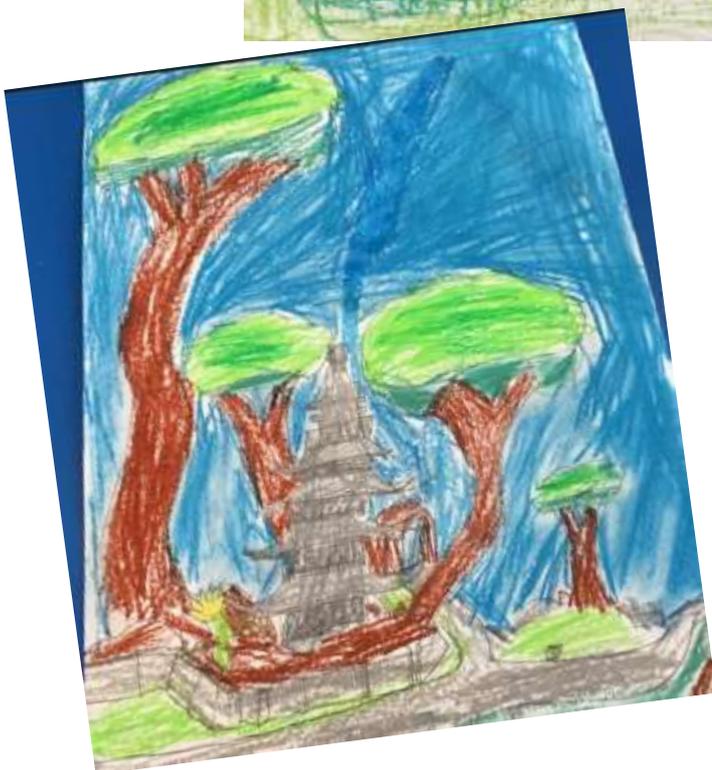


We have dived into week 2 with a focus on science in Y2. The children have planted sun flower seeds that were very kindly donated by Morrisons and have located them in different parts of our classrooms as part of our experiment. The children made predictions and thought about variables and constants and how they would implement their experiment.

As part of our topic 'How does your garden grow?' we visited Valley Gardens on Wednesday. We explored The Valley Gardens with a focus on looking for signs of spring and summer. We also spent some time in the beautiful Japanese Gardens. We were very lucky because The Friends of Valley Gardens were working there and came and gave our children a talk about what the sculptures in the gardens represent. We learnt about the Turtle Lantern, The Rustic Lantern and the The Snow Lantern.

Members of the public commented on the excellent behaviour shown by the children and we were very impressed by how curious the children were and their fantastic questioning and observation skills.

On our return to school, we learnt about the famous artist Vincent Van Gogh and, using pastels, crayons and chinks, we very creatively produced artwork in the style of Van Gogh's famous paintings, 'The Sunflowers' and 'The Starry Night'. We were very impressed with the wonderful art creations the children produced.

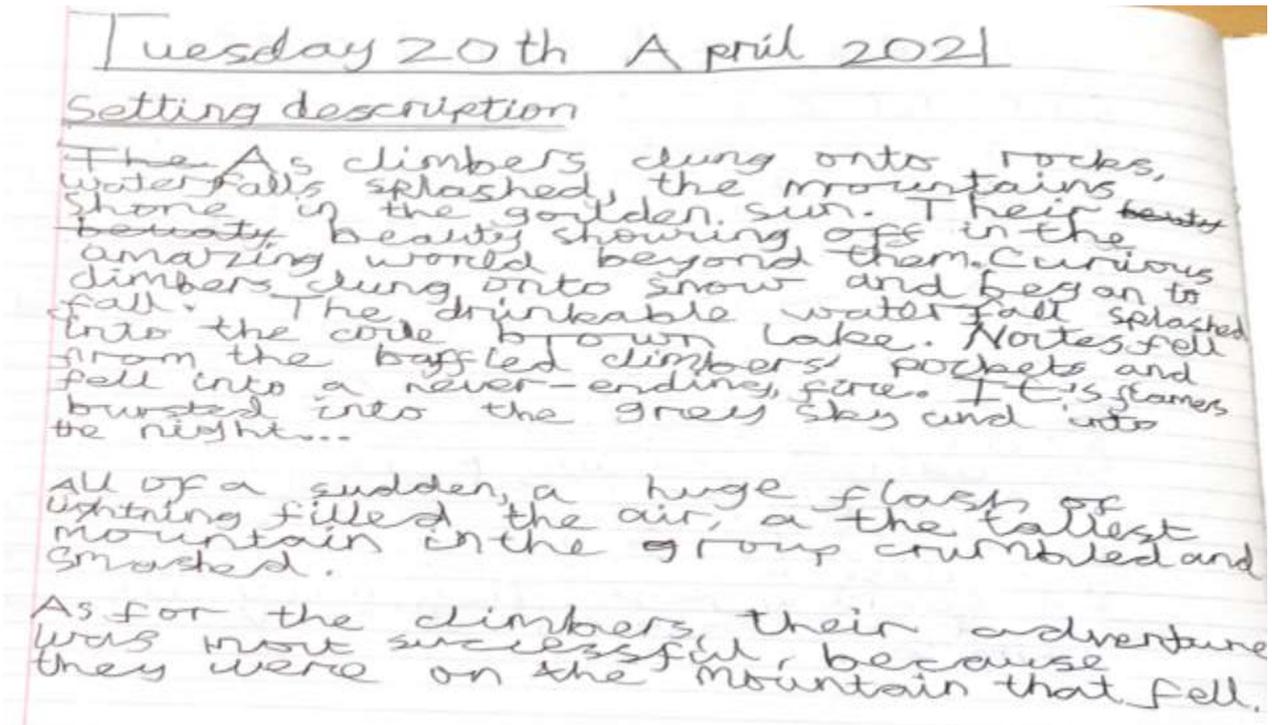




Western Years 3 and 4

SUCCESS IS IN THE AIR

In English, we are building up to writing a mountain-themed adventure story. We have written a story setting for the beginning of our stories:



We also created some DADWAVERS sentences to practise beginning our sentences in a variety of interesting ways:

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DADWAVERS	
Use this sheet to help you begin your sentences in a range of interesting ways	Gigantic, blue hands boomed loudly in the silence. <small>Description</small>
Action to They sprinted quickly through deep dark forest.	"Where are you taking me?" asked Steven. <small>Dialogue</small>
Where On the peak stood on an eerie strange cave.	Suddenly, a roaring noise came from the top of the mountain. <small>Adverb</small>
Verb Change Charging crazily the yeti destroyed countless trees.	A few hours later, the yeti started climbing back up the mountain. <small>Estimation of time</small>
Rhetorical questions When would he manage to find his way back home?	Like a chatah, the yeti pronounced energetically up the rocky mountain. <small>Simile or metaphor</small>

In PE, we have been focusing on athletics. First of all, we warmed up our bodies:



Then, we played a really fun game using a hoop where we pretended to be moons and planets.



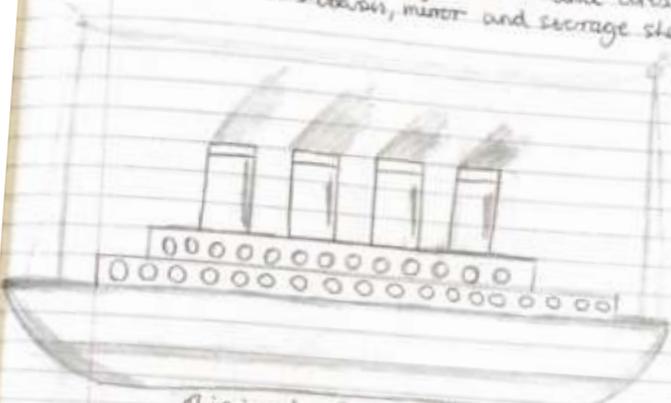
We practised our running technique, making sure that we ran with our elbows at a right angle:



In Y5/6, we have continued our learning about the RMS Titanic's journey and disaster. Students used Google Maps to follow the route across the Atlantic, discussed the morality behind saving first class over third class passengers, and created fact files of their research so far.

What was it like for different people in different classes on the Titanic?

Third Class Passengers, experienced this stay more than second and first. They had access to running water, mountains of food and a clean living space. Second Class Passengers, had loads of beautiful fabrics, scumming oak paneling painted a glossy white, linoleum floors, mahogany furniture usually consisting large sofas, wardrobe and dressing table with washbasin, mirror and storage shelves.



This is the Titanic!

Why were there such a shortage of lifeboats?

There were not a lot of lifeboats on board the Titanic (which was 16) as the owner thought it looked ugly, so took off nearly half of them.

THE TITANIC

April 15th 1912

The Titanic, was a behemoth ship that sailed to Southampton and then to New York. This admiral ship was wanted by many but there was a disaster, a collision with an iceberg caused the unthinkable to become thinkable.

Where and when was the Titanic built?

The Titanic was built in Belfast, Ireland and took over nearly a year to create. There was over 14,000 men involved in the making. It started on May 31st 1911 and ended its construction on March 31st 1912. In the making of the colossal ship, over eight workmen died but only five are known today.

The life in first class

First Class Passengers, enjoyed loads of amazing features including a gymnasium, a squash court, a saltwater swimming pool, electric and Turkish baths, a barber shop, kennels only for first class and elevators.

Did you know?

The behemoth Titanic, took over \$7.5 million to create. But if it was money of today, it would cost over \$400 million.

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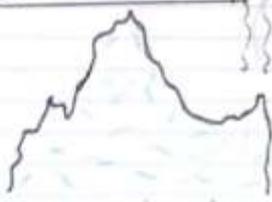
The building!

The building of the Titanic was a job that took lots of time and lots of work. Construction began on March 31st 1909 when Thomas Andrews had the idea to build such a magnificent ship. Building the Titanic took three years; approximately 14,000 men were needed to build the vessel! By 1912, roughly 7.5 million dollars had been spent on the ship and the Titanic was ready to set sail.

The Titanic's captain was captain Edward J. Smith.

"Iceberg ahead"

Nobody will ever be sure, however the iceberg responsible for the Titanic's sinking was estimated to be about 50-100 feet high and 200-600 feet long!



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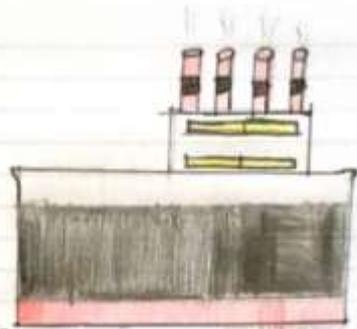
THE TITANIC!

The Titanic was a colossal ship that, while being admired by many, ended in tragedy. After an intense collision with an iceberg on April 14th 1912, the grand vessel was submerged into the icy Atlantic Ocean.

The lookout (Frederick Fleet) was the first to spot the iceberg ahead and the first to warn passengers about it!

Fun fact

In today's money, it would have cost 400 million dollars to build the Titanic behemoth ship instead of 7.5 million!



Life for third, second and first class passengers

The Titanic included three different classes: first, ~~second~~ second and third class. Third class passengers had a variety of fun games, usually played on deck, and legendary late night parties. They were fed soups and stews and their ticket was about 10 dollars.

Second class passengers were ~~more~~ what we would today call middle class; their tickets cost 60 dollars. They had fairly spacious cabins, a smoke room, a library and a big dining hall where they enjoyed three course meals every day.

Passengers in first class were extremely wealthy; they were treated differently to those in third class. They were fed 9-10 course meals every day and their cabins ~~were~~ were large and luxurious. They enjoyed a restaurant, cafe, a dining room, a smoking room, a gym, a reading room and a ~~office~~ ~~and~~.





'Get Moving with Western'

This week we are setting you a challenge! Who can build the best den?

You could try this at home in your garden, out and about at the park or woods, or even inside your house using household items!

Here is me (Mrs Sykes Y1) in my best den that I built a few months ago (in rather rainy weather) along with some other pictures for inspiration.



Can you do any better?? Remember you can always send us in some pictures!

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Harrogate Clothes Bank – please click on the picture for more information

Harrogate Clothes Bank provides free, good quality clothes for children and adults, and works closely with another charity who provide free clothes and equipment for babies and infants.

We are open to anyone who needs the service - no proof of entitlement is required.

Location: McCarthy's Storage World, Ripon Road, Harrogate (the big blue and white warehouse between the Co-op and Shell garages).

Opening times: 10:30–12:30 most Saturdays and some Fridays



Harrogate Cricket Club

Harrogate Cricket Club are pleased to announce that they have partnered with Phoebe Graham, Yorkshire & Northern Diamonds Cricketer. Phoebe will be running girls cricket training sessions with Andy Hawkswell, an excellent Level 3 ECB Coach.

Girls cricket training is now running on a Tuesday evening, with a soft ball cricket session [5:15pm-6:30pm](#) & a hardball session [6:30-8pm](#).

Girls in Y1 & Y2 will be made very welcome in our U7 section which runs on a [Saturday - 9:30am-10:45am](#).



New joiners are welcome to try a session before completing the membership form, if your daughter would like to try a session please contact Nat Crossland, Harrogate CC Junior Secretary, natcrossland@hotmail.com

Helen O'Grady Drama Academy - Summer Term Adventure

This summer term we are not working on a production with an end of term performance as we usually would.

Instead, we are taking the children on a Drama Journey with a linked theme. Each session will enable them to explore a different Greek Myth as they find 'trading stones' to solve the Secrets of the Labyrinth and free the creatures from eternal doom!

Obviously, as well as having a lot of fun, we are still building children's confidence, self-esteem and boosting emotional resilience and well-being - something we feel a lot of them need more than ever after the tough year we have been through.

