

Western Primary School Newsletter – Friday 30<sup>th</sup> 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.

### Coming soon ...

Further details about how school will get involved and how you can join in will be sent over the next couple of weeks.

**WALK TO SCHOOL  
WEEK  
IS TAKING PLACE  
ON  
17-21 MAY 2021**

Just a reminder – as if you needed one – that next Monday is a bank holiday so school will be open as normal from Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> May. We hope you all enjoy the extended weekend.

### Reread, Reuse, Recycle! - We want your books!

Have you got any books at home that are in a good condition? Would you consider donating them to our school book bank?



We would love to reread your old fiction, non-fiction, magazines and comics and share them with the children for years to come! We will accept any books which are appropriate for children from 2 years old up to Year 6.

Please drop off any donations in the school book bank which is located in the school car park.

**Donations  
are greatly  
Appreciated!**



## Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> 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



## Lunchtime News

By Mrs Vardy (Lunchtime Leader)

### Lunchtime – School Meals

I just wanted to write to you and apologise for the occasional changes we have had to make to the lunchtime menu over the last few weeks.

The Trust have asked all its schools to use a new third party to order all food through, and we are experiencing a few teething problems. Please be assured that we are doing our best to rectify this issue. It has meant that there have been a few days where we have not received our full food order for that day. However, our cook and kitchen team have worked hard to put together a substitute meal that is both nutritionally balanced, appealing and adaptable for all intolerances and allergies.

Please bear with us whilst we address these issues.

Many thanks for understanding.

Mrs Vardy



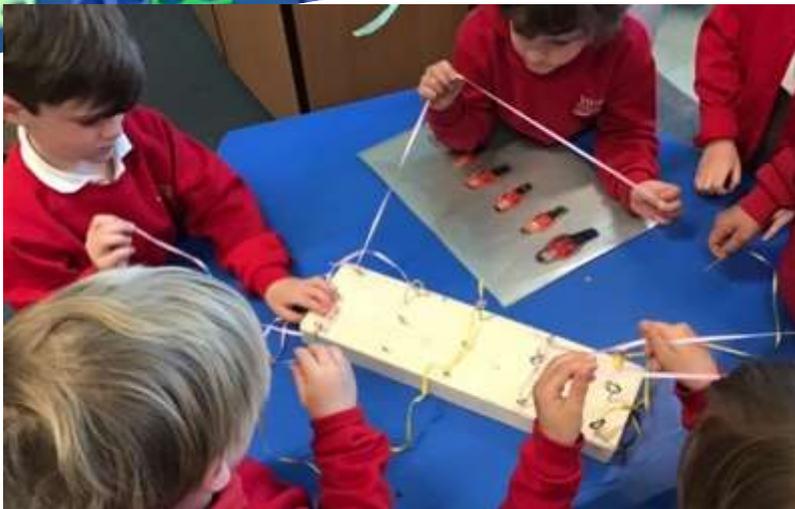
Early Years - Nursery

We have been enjoying Fairy Tales this week! We have enjoyed the stories of The Three Little Pigs and Goldilocks and the Three Bears.



Early Years - Reception

We are continuing to learn about traditional tales this week and have been sharing the story The Three Little Pigs. We have been practising our teen numbers too!



Year One

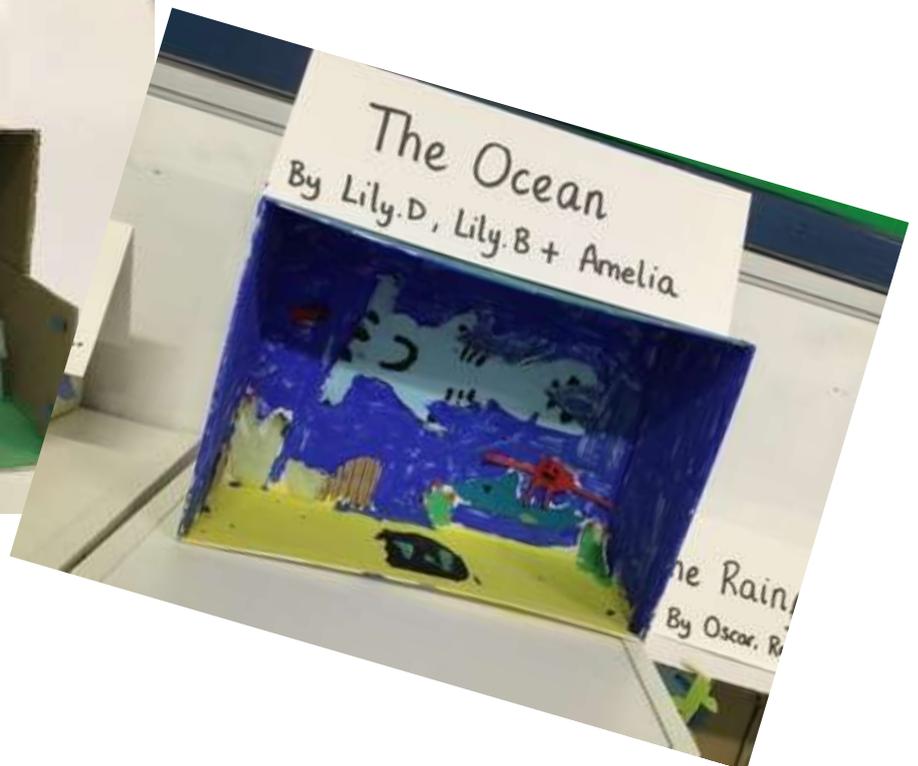
Y1 have had a fabulous week with lots of active learning. In Science, we got outside to place different fruit and vegetable pictures in a range of positions, based on where they grow, then back in class we investigated lots of different seeds and matched them to their fruit or vegetable. Also, in maths this week, we have been getting very practical and using a range of resources to help our understanding; we have also been using lots of fantastic collaboration to help us with our partner work.



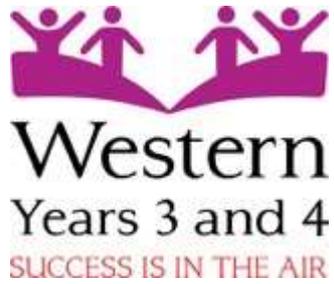


## Year Two

What a wonderful week it has been in Y2! The children have excelled in their ability to create eye-catching and accurate representations of habitats and minibeasts. They have been using boxes, cardboard, paper and felt tips (anything you can think of!) to work collaboratively in making shoebox habitats. We took it one step further and, as part of our art learning, used clay and other tools to make our very own minibeasts. Check out our creations!







Western  
Years 3 and 4  
SUCCESS IS IN THE AIR

This week, Y3/4 had a Zoom visit from Hannah's grandad, Tony. He is a very experienced climber and has climbed The Matterhorn, Mont Blanc and mountains in The Himalayas. It was fantastic to hear real-life experiences and to see photos and videos of mountain ranges.



The team (L to R):  
Derek (Leader), Mike, Adele, Manu (Liaison (



Acclimatising walk to 4026m above Leh – 03Sep18



Gus on the  
summit of  
Aari Dont  
(Saw Tooth  
peak) at  
5557m



As part of our speaking and listening work, we had a debate about the negative and positive aspects of tourism in the mountains.



We are building up to writing an adventure story that is set in the mountains. This week, we practised writing a dialogue between two of the characters, ready for our story. First of all though, we acted it out and this helped us with our ideas:

Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> April 2021

Speech

"rumble" "What that?" asked the yeti.

"Don't yell and we'll be fine" whispered Tom.

"ROOOAARI!" ~~the~~ shouted the yeti.

"TUMBLE" "BUMBLE" "Noo! What was that for?!" cried Tom.

"You say yell and we fine." "crunch" Sorry beetle exclaimed the yeti.

"Hey! Look! A cave! We can rest there! OK, let's go" yelled Tom.

"Oo-k. Me rest on cave." yawned the yeti.

"NOOOO O.O!! Don't jump on-" "BOOM" the cave... "cried Tom.

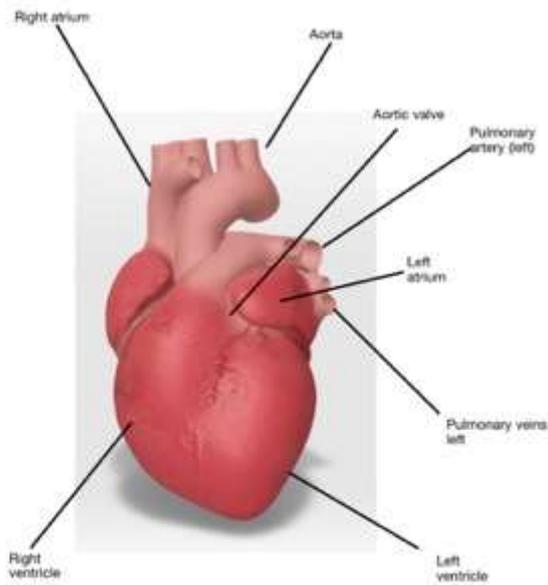
"Me bed hard. Why me bed hard?" asked the yeti.

"Its a-" replied to Tom.

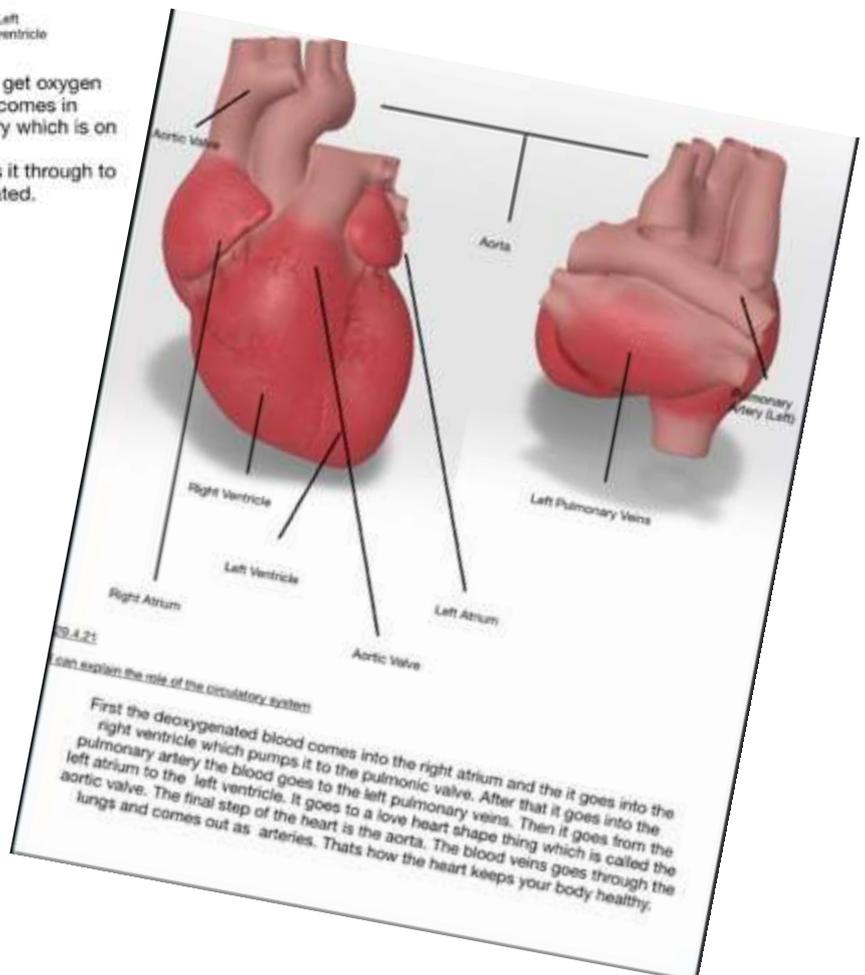
"WHY?!" screamed the yeti.

"cave. Well, broken. Well be covered in snow so let's rest in that hole for now." continued Tom.

This week, our Y5/6 scientists explored the circulatory system and how the heart functions. They created 3D hearts using Augmented Reality and then labelled and described its functions. We are very impressed with their use of technical vocabulary - well done Y5/6.



Your heart is a pump in your body. It pumps blood to the lungs to get oxygen but it also pumps oxygenated blood around the body. The blood comes in through the right atrium and then out through the Pulmonary artery which is on the left side. The right side of your heart gets deoxygenated blood then pumps it through to the lungs which get that blood back to the heart once its oxygenated.



Y5/6 have impressed us this week with their newspaper reports all about the sinking of the Titanic. The children have spent time learning about the purpose of a newspaper report, explored their features and then produced their own. Have a read of these great examples and see if you can spot the formal language, eyewitness accounts and factual information throughout.

## Harrogate News

Bringing you the news you need to know!

20th April 1912

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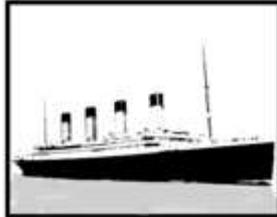
### The Unsinkable Sinks!

On the 14th of April, the Titanic, stated to be unsinkable, struck an iceberg and sank into the Atlantic Ocean causing many lives lost.

The Titanic, which was only four days into its maiden voyage, floundered whilst heading from Southampton to New York. Around 11:40pm, it collided with an iceberg whilst holding more than 2,000 passengers on board. Many people believed that the Titanic was unsinkable so the crew, at first, thought the damage was not serious before seeing that the Titanic was filling up with water.

Survivors reported that life boats were launched with only half capacity. Even though the ship had space for 64 life boats, the crew only kept 20 life boats because the deck looked too cluttered. Managing director of White Star Line, J Bruce Ismay, was one of the first passengers to enter a life boat. A survivor on the Titanic, Megan Stewart, exclaimed that if the ship had more life boats that more people could have been saved.

As the Titanic started sinking into the ice depths of the Atlantic Ocean, some people started to jump over but others retired into their beds. It has been said that the band played until the very end.



The Titanic

Elizabeth Parker, a Titanic survivor, commented, "I am really worried for all of my family; we haven't seen each other for so long." After 2 hours the Titanic was fully submerged when the Carpathia rescued the remaining survivors.

People of the nation - and worldwide - will remember the souls and of survivors that have lost friends and loved ones during the tragedy of the Titanic. Will the ship rise again?

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20th April 1912

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### The Unsinkable does the Unthinkable!

Late at night on the 14th April, while heading to New York the Titanic, which was packed with many passengers, struck an iceberg and plunged into the Atlantic Ocean.

Around 11:40 on the 14th April, White Star Line's new ship collided with an iceberg. Many believed the luxury liner was unsinkable but unfortunately they were wrong. The starboard side was smashed and water began flooding in; after the damage was seen it was obvious that the Titanic would founder.

As the crew got the lifeboats ready to launch, passengers found their families and made their way through the huge crowds. Survivors commented that the lifeboats were only half full and more people could have got in with them. Although 48 lifeboats could fit on the ship, only 20 were taken as everyone believed they were not going to be used.

Women and children were prioritised to get on the lifeboats first. "It has been a very busy night" commented 8 year old Amelia White, "I have no idea where my older brother is and I feel very lucky to be a 3rd Class passenger who has survived." As people got their lifejackets on, the orchestra played relaxing music to calm everyone down



The luxury ship before it sank.

Everyone can say that the Titanic's maiden voyage was a disaster. Thankfully, the Carpathia, a ship which was near the Titanic when the ship got struck, rescued a few lives but over half of the souls on the Titanic still died from the tragedy. It took just over 2 and a half hours for the vessel to become fully submerged.



The iceberg that sunk the Titanic.

## THE WEEKLY HEADLINER

On her maiden voyage to New York, on the 14th of April, the famed Titanic struck an iceberg and, along with over half the passengers, was lost to the Atlantic ocean.

### The Unsinkable Sinks!

Heading away for days of her maiden voyage, at approximately 11:40pm, the luxury cruise ship Titanic had a heavy collision with an iceberg, despite all the crew's efforts to keep the colossal ship afloat, with six of its sixteen water tight compartments fully breached it stood no chance.

It was widely rumoured that the Titanic was unsinkable, therefore it only held twenty lifeboats-which was less than half the required amount to carry all of the passengers. But even with a sufficient amount of lifeboats, it sank so quickly that most of them would have been underwater almost immediately.

"I'm feeling really disoriented and I have no idea where my dad is." Ten year old William Goldstein further stated, "we got separated whilst boarding the lifeboats so now it's just me, my mum and my little sister." And all of other families have suffered separation as well.

But sadly most passengers weren't so lucky as only seven-hundred of the two-thousand-two-hundred and nine survived.



Lifeboats leaving the sinking Titanic.



Titanic setting sail from New York.



## 'Get Moving with Western'

This week we have a bike ride that I love doing very much as it has no traffic and is nice and flat! It takes you from High Harrogate to Ripley, where you can often find a yummy ice-cream or a cafe for a drink and cake (are you noticing a theme here with the places I like to go?)

You park on Grove Park Avenue, then go over the footbridge over the railway (pictured); at the first fork take the right-hand path signposted as the Nidderdale Way. Around halfway, you will cross a road (Bolton Lane) so take care to check for any cars and cross safely. You will soon cross over a viaduct and then eventually arrive in Ripley. The route is about 4 miles. Can you spot the things pictured along the way?

As always, if you do manage to do this bike ride please send us pictures!



The start of the Nidderdale Greenway in Harrogate



# Nidderdale Greenway: Bilton Lane junction



Junction with Bilton Lane

# Nidderdale Greenway: Starbeck junction



Starbeck railway path





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## LET'S TALK 'SOCIAL CARE'

We want to hear your social care experiences from the last year.

Join us for a virtual chat and share your parental experiences of dealing with social care: what's going well, what;s not going well and what could have been done differently.

HARROGATE / RIPON / KNARESBOROUGH DATES:  
Wednesday 5th May @6:30 - 7:30pm  
Friday 7th May @10:30 - 11:30am

To find out more information and to book onto a session please visit: [www.parentcarer voiceuk.org/events](http://www.parentcarer voiceuk.org/events)

[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



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