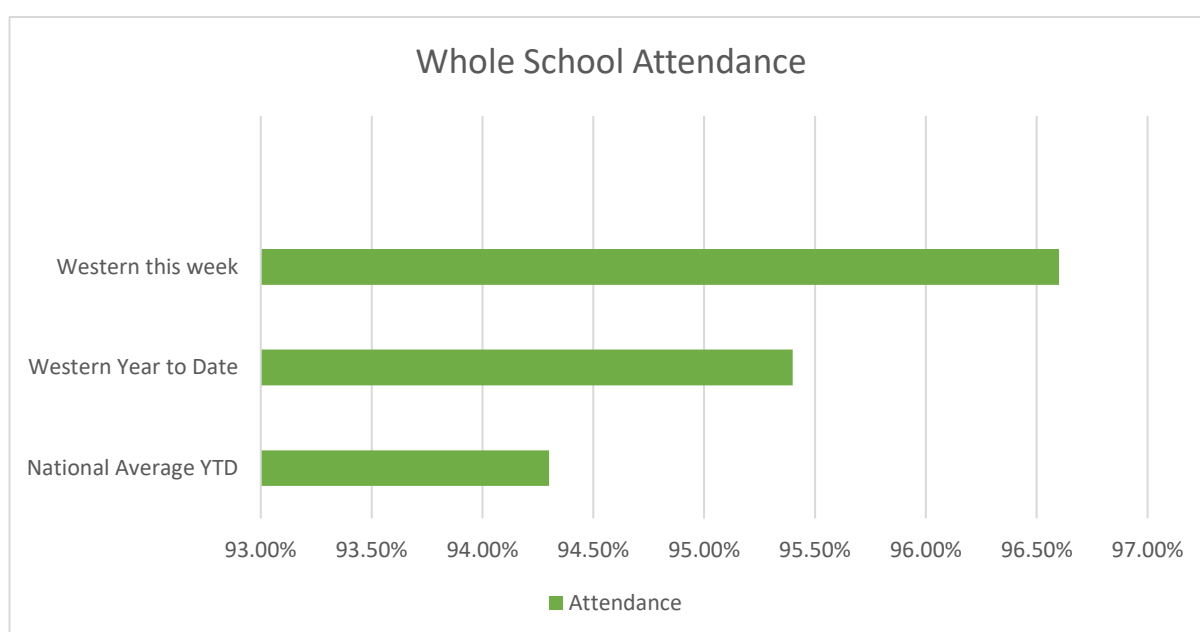


At Western, we aim to develop kind, ambitious, curious, confident and successful young people who are excited about their futures.

Western Primary School Newsletter

Friday 8th March 2024



Reminder:

Yr 3/4 Rainforest Showcase

3pm

Tuesday 19th March



**Also, don't forget -
Parent/Teacher
Consultations:**

**Tues 12th & Thurs 14th
March**

Green Room

As it was 'World Book Day' on Thursday, we decided to make it 'World Book week' in Green room.



We want to continue to develop the children's love of stories, both listening and re-telling. We have looked at a wide range of books this week, covering a wide range of topics.



We celebrated 'World Book Day' on Thursday and the children (and teachers) came into nursery in some truly wonderful outfits. Some of us brought in our own books so we all sat and looked at them together as a group, noticing the lovely pictures and bright colours we could see on the pages.

We have looked at telling helicopter stories this week too. We have used our imagination to tell some super, imaginative stories.

We have turned our role play area into a library this week. We have popped some books in there by our favourite authors such as Micheal Rosen, Eric Carle and of course Julia Donaldson.

What another busy week we have had. We hope you have a magical weekend and we look forward to seeing you all next week when we will begin to look for the signs of spring.



Turquoise Room

Our story for this week has been, 'The Gingerbread Man.'

The children have enjoyed retelling the story in their own words by looking at the pictures in the story. They have loved shouting out, "Run, run as fast as you can ...". They have also played with the masks and props that we have set out.

The children listened to a gingerbread number story and we played a shape game with our older children where we gave our gingerbread man a face and buttons. We extended this to loose parts play too.

We have done lots of gingerbread man creative activities, and other activities have included water play, obstacle courses, musical instrument sessions where we have been learning start and stop games. The children have continued to enjoy our new sandpit. We also enjoyed World Book Day.

We hope you have a lovely weekend and we will see everyone for another busy week. Wishing our Mums a Happy Mothers' Day.



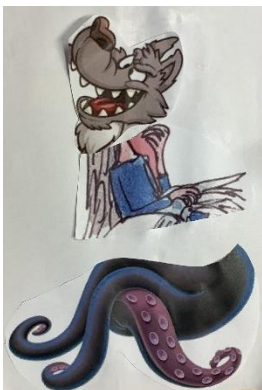
Purple Room

We have been celebrating World Book Week in pre-school. We have loved sharing our favourite stories, revisiting classics and finding new favourites. We took a class vote for our favourite books and showed the results in a bar graph. We have also looked closely at characters in books. We have talked about our favourite characters and which books they were from. We then sorted goodies and baddies onto a Venn Diagram.

We have created our own mashed up characters using the head from one character, the body from another and the legs from a completely different character. The children thought this was hilarious!

We have had tigers for tea, have fed the three bears porridge and have followed instructions to make runaway gingerbread men.

It's been a week jam-packed with fun!



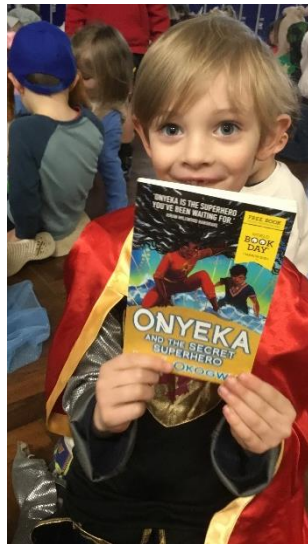


Reception

Zog has been the core text this week in Reception. We have been practising our sculpting skills; we have used clay and modelling tools to create our beautiful dragon eyes. The children have shaped the clay into their eye shapes, placed their dragon eyes in the centre and used slip to attach the additive clay to create the under eye and eye lid. Finally, the children have used the modelling tools to create scales around their dragon's eye.

We have been practising our writing in phonics using our new books to write in. All children need to work on their letter formation and the correct starting points (see attached link). Please continue to practise this with your child at home, especially when writing their names.

<https://www.littlewandlelettersandsounds.org.uk/resources/for-parents/>

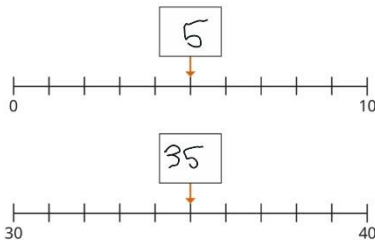


Year 1

Show practice, World Book Day and our trip to Leeds City Museum have taken up a lot the week.

However, in maths we have been consolidating our knowledge of place value within 50. We are now much more confident at recognising how many tens and ones are in each number. Great work Year One!

- 1 a) Label the numbers halfway along the number lines.



- b) Write two numbers that are between 30 and 35

32 33

- c) Write two numbers that are between 35 and 40

38 39

Use different colours to show each number on the grid.

- a) 1 less than 17

- c) 1 less than 50

- b) 1 more than 26

- d) 1 more than 40

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40
41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50

One More, One Less

Type a number in the boxes to show one more or one less.

1.

One Less	One More
22	24
37	39
28	30
31	41

2.

23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32
one more 28 one less 26									

31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40
41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50
one more 42 one less 40									


Fill in the missing numbers.

1 less	Number	1 more
30	31	32
31	32	33
29	30	31
47	48	49
45	46	47

Make and draw numbers using base 10

47

23



Year 2

At the start of the week, we travelled back in time to the Victorian era! We explored the cobbled streets of a Victorian town and did a little bit of window shopping. We were less than impressed with what the Victorians had to offer and we left the cobbled streets feeling thankful for modern technology and comforts. We had a look around a Victorian classroom and we were shocked to learn that the teachers used canes as punishment!

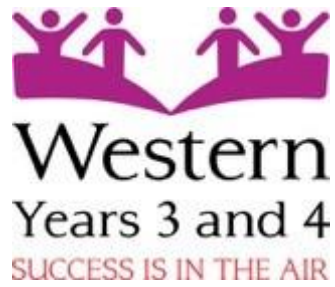
Later on, we joined a Victorian workshop that discussed the differences between a modern home and a Victorian home. We loved learning about how things have developed over the years, and we were fascinated by some of the Victorian artefacts. Although, we weren't convinced by the soap or the use of urine to wash hair!





Later in the week we celebrated World Book Day! It was wonderful to see so many children dressed as their favourite book characters. We really enjoyed collecting our new books and reading them with the year 5s and 6s.





Year 3/4

Today, we have enjoyed dressing up for World Book Day. It was great fun!



Imagined Things bookshop came in and we were able to exchange our World Book Day voucher for a book. We were also able to announce the winners of our KS2 writing competition. These are:
George - Year 3 winner
Ben -Year 4 winner
Charlie -Year 5 winner
Daisy -Year 6 winner



Next week, we have an exhibition for adults to look at our rainforest work. We will be showing our rainforest adventure stories and our collaged artwork. Our stories are now complete and we are putting finishing touches to our pictures. Next, we need to add the animals:



In computing, we have been building models using Lego. These have been linked to the app 'Wedo2.0'. We built models such as a glowing snail, a cooling fan and a moving satellite:



Year 5/6

For the past few weeks, all of the classes in Year 6 have been experimenting in DT with art straws. We have looked at many photos of playground equipment, aiming to make our own out of art straws. As a class, we collaborated to make some amazing pieces of playground equipment. Together, we explored all the different ways art straws can be used.



Made by Harley P



Made by Spencer E & Reeve B



Made by Jack L & Ted B



Made by Charlotte P & Freya B



World Book Day

We have had a fabulous World Book Day this year with all children in school spending the day immersing themselves in all things books, reading and authors!

Debbie from our local bookshop 'Imagined Things' came into school to lead assemblies for all of our phase groups. She introduced the children to the WBD books for this year and the children were invited to trade their World Book Day voucher for a book. The excitement in the room was palpable and the book talk was a wonderful experience for us all to be a part of! Thank you to Debbie for supporting our school on this very special day.

Last half term, the KS2 children wrote stories which our friends at Imagined Things have read for us and chosen some winners! Each winner has received a £10 book voucher.

Year 3 - George: We absolutely loved the journey you took us on! Akshat's determination to return home and all the dangers he encounters made for a thrilling read!

Year 4 - Ben: Maya's story was an absolute joy to read! Her quest to return home and keep her brother Katavan safe was gripping. And what a heart stopping twist ending! Great job!

Year 5 - Charlie: you have an amazing talent to fit so much emotion and excitement into such a short story! We particularly loved the line, "The orange liquid still ambitious for fresh flesh." Well done!

Year 6 - Daisy: I had goosebumps the whole time I was reading this. You really know how to bring your readers into the moment and create a startling and chilling atmosphere. Fantastic work!

Well done to all the children and huge thank you to Debbie and Imagined Things for all your support









SEND & SCHOOL SUPPORT DROP-IN! WITH GUEST!!!!

Our Inclusion Team will be hosting their next coffee morning on Tuesday 9th April at morning drop off, 8.45-9.30am. These have been taking place in our staff room after drop-off on the first Tuesday of each month (term time only) and we are really grateful to those of you who have been able to attend. This is a great opportunity to discuss everything related to support at Western and we hope to see you there.

In our next coffee morning, we will be joined by Grace Williams from The Sibling Group

"The Sibling Group is a registered charity that runs groups for children aged 6-11 who have a brother or sister with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities. We run fun group sessions with activities like arts and crafts, games and sports. It gives the children respite and a chance to socialise with others who have similar life experiences.

We run the sessions monthly and during the school holidays. Parents must book using our website: <https://www.thesiblinggroup.org/support-groups>"

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The Sibling Group

For children ages 6-11 who have a brother or sister with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities.

Our next sibling support groups:

23rd MARCH at 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM
6th APRIL at 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM
27th APRIL at 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM

AT CHRIST CHURCH
CHURCH SQUARE
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Please book here:
<https://www.thesiblinggroup.org/support-groups>

 THE SIBLING GROUP



THE LITTLE GYM CAMPS FOR CHILDREN AGED 3-12 YEARS

Our next camps are in Easter Half-Term:
25th March – 5th April

Scan below to learn more
or contact: 01423 701560
harrogate@thelittlegym.co.uk



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Thorp Perrow's Newsletter

Spring is starting to show all around the Arboretum.

What's new at Thorp Perrow?



Arboretum

The sun is beginning to shine

After what seems to be the wettest winter we've endured, we are very thankful to see the sun in the sky. So here are the spring flowers.

Currently the volunteers are very busy dividing and splitting the snowdrops.

- Bulbs are blooming - look out for the various types of Daffodils.
- Blossoms appearing - head over to section 2 where you can see some beautiful blossom.
- The wildlife are waking up.

Did you know you can donate a tree, well-trodden seed, bulbs and branches to the Arboretum? A lasting token to remember someone, a celebration, a thank you or just because.

[View a brochure](#)

Contact the office on [01423 701560](tel:01423 701560) or email general@thorpperrow.co.uk for more information.

Turron

National Pie Week

We are celebrating National Pie Week from Monday 4th - Sunday 10th March with daily specials served 11.30am - 3pm.

If you aren't your thing, we have a delicious range of fresh food and hot drinks to order.

Remember you can't eat in our kitchen without paying for entrance to the Arboretum. We look forward to welcoming you soon.



Bird of Prey

Volunteers wanted.

The brilliant Bird of Prey Centre at Thorp Perrow is looking to build a reliable, passionate team of volunteers to help share our love for wildlife and conservation.

Our volunteers will be a very important part of the team, aiding our falconers with the daily running of the centre.

Jobs will include:

- Helping with basic bird of prey and animal husbandry work such as changing pellets, bins and water bowls. Plus, many other tasks that are around with about the birds but not always with them.
- There are aspects of volunteering which will get you directly involved with the birds, especially along with the flying team.
- The majority of our work is done outside, in all weathers. Previous experience not necessary, not being afraid of hard work and a good team player is essential.

If this sounds of interest, please email

thorperrow@thorpperrow.co.uk

Other activities

Things to look out for

The Easter Trail will run from 16th March to 28th April 2024.

We still have places on our Spring workshops including Easter Wreath Gardening with our Head Gardener & Spring Tour with Lunch in the Hall.



Thorp Perrow Arboretum

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