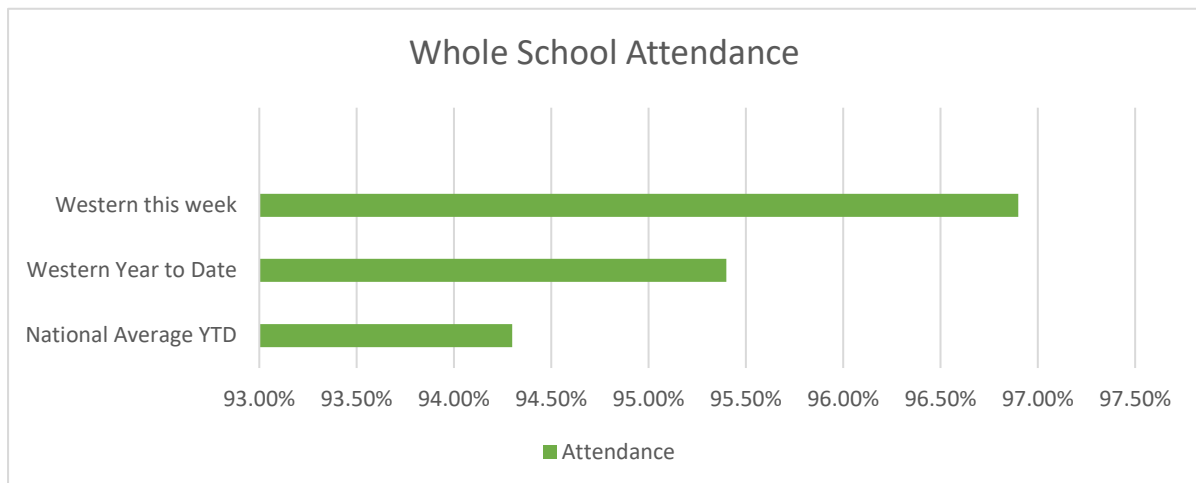


At Western, we aim to develop kind, ambitious, curious, confident and successful young people who are excited about their futures.

Western Primary School Newsletter

Friday 3rd May 2024



Have a very happy
**Bank
Holiday
Weekend!**



See you all on Tuesday!

Green Room

As we continue to learn more about The Great Outdoors, we look at different ways in which we could sleep outside of our homes. We thought really hard about this question and decided that we could camp in a tent, sleep in a caravan or even a campervan.



Based on this answer from the children, we turned our role play area into a tent with sleeping bags and coloured fabrics draped over the top. The children were filled with delight on Monday morning when they found this transformation. We have had so, so, so much fun in there this week.

In Maths we have had a look at repeating patterns. We started with A and B, we then challenged the children further to see if they could repeat an ABC pattern. The children found this activity really fun and they enjoyed the challenge.



We have used our funky fingers to wrap wool around some of the sticks that were brought in to us last week and continued to develop our love of drawing and colouring.

In our creative area we have enjoyed the following: pinecone rolling using brightly coloured paint, making sun catchers, using the natural treasure that has been brought in to class and also using our memory to paint some of the things we see outside whilst walking, such as trees, the sun in the sky or a pretty flower.



As always, we have had a wonderful week with the children engaging beautifully in lots of different activities. Have a super weekend!

Turquoise Room

This week our key story has been, 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar'. The children have really enjoyed listening to the story and have requested it several times over. Our older children have also been retelling the story in their own words. The story has inspired lots of caterpillar themed activities. We will be continuing with the caterpillar and butterfly theme throughout next week too.



The children have also thoroughly enjoyed being outdoors this week as we have enjoyed the dry and sunny weather. On Tuesday we spent the whole day outdoors. The children have been exploring the water wall and also bathing the dolls.

Have a lovely weekend and we look forward to seeing everyone on Monday.



Purple Room

This week has been a huge reminder that children are just fabulous! They have come in with such a creative idea of making a fish tank and have then planned and gathered the resources they needed to create their desired finished product. We have had fish swimming in a beautiful blue lagoon, mixed together with blues and greens. The children have added seaweed and shells to the bottom to give it the perfect sea finish. They worked amazingly as a team, helping each other to paint their boxes, snip the tape and cut out the fishes. Once one was made, they all wanted one! We love it when children take charge of their learning.



In Maths, we have been looking at measures. We have made worms with the playdough and have been using mathematical language to describe their size and length. We could make worms that were longer and shorter and ordered worms from smallest to longest.



In phonics we have been continuing to hear the initial sounds in words. This is something we are finding very tricky so we keep practising. We have also been looking at rhyming words and can think of words that rhyme. We realised it is the end of the word we need to listen carefully to and have tried to think of the funniest nonsense rhyming words!

We have continued to explore the great outdoors. We have been talking about adventures we have enjoyed with our families and any camping experiences we have had. We have enjoyed exploring the campsite in the tuff tray. The fairies even came and created a fairy garden.



Reception

We started the week looking at mini beasts and what we know about mini beasts. The children have enjoyed sharing what their favourite mini beast is and why. We have looked at some interesting and informative non-fiction books to help improve our knowledge of mini beasts and to learn some new facts.

Now the weather is hopefully getting warmer, we have had a move around in our garden space. The children have loved having more room to use the large-scale construction blocks, creating houses, buses, thrones etc.

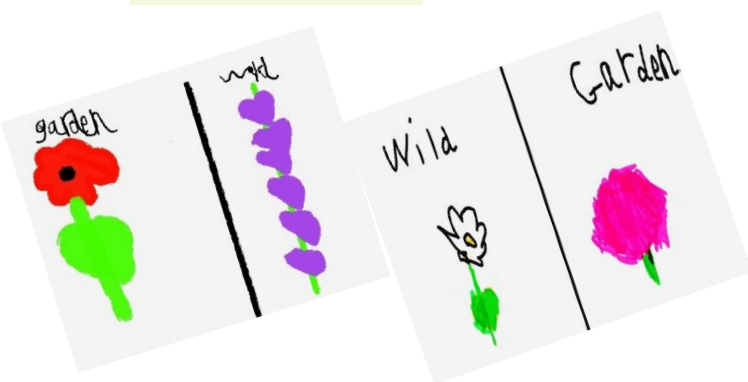


Year 1



Our pea plants are growing quickly and will be coming home with your child this week. Attached are some instructions to help you and your child care for your delicious pea plant at home.

In science, the children learnt about wild and garden plants. They went on a flower hunt around the classroom and decided if the plant was grown in the wild, garden or both. They then used the Sketches app to draw their favourite garden and wild plant. Look at their gorgeous drawings!



In Maths, the children were introduced to fractions. They have worked on recognising and finding half of an object, shape and quantity.



Year 2

It has been another super-busy week in Year 2!

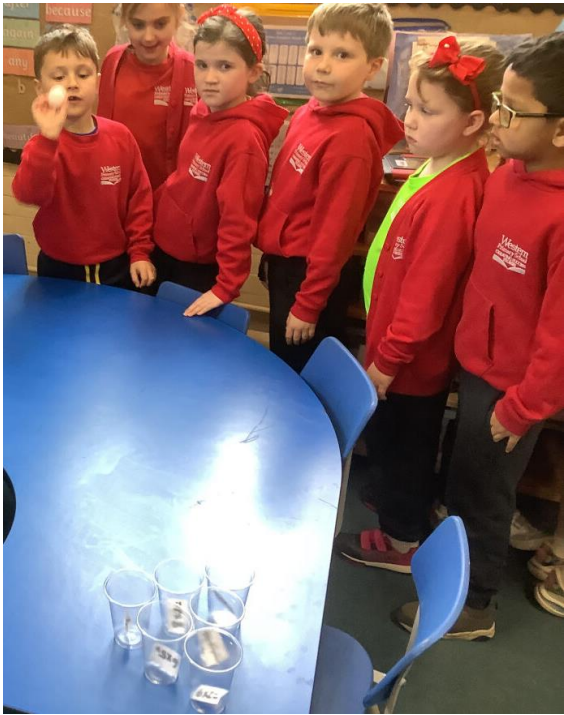
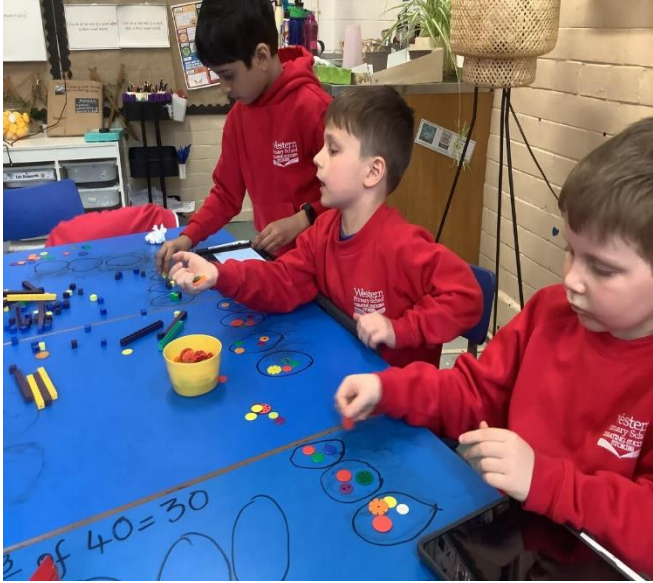
In our science lessons, we conducted an interesting investigation to discover what a plant needs to grow and be healthy. The children worked collaboratively in teams to plant seeds under different conditions. Some children were not allowed to water their seeds, while others were without soil. Some seeds were placed in a warm, sunny spot, and finally, some were left in a dark cupboard. We eagerly anticipate observing the outcomes of this experiment.

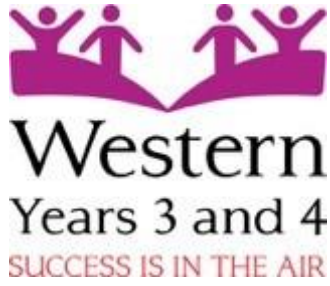


In our English lessons, the children showcased their creative writing skills by crafting their own speeches. The topic of discussion was whether lessons about the environment should be a regular feature in school curriculums. It was delightful to witness the enthusiasm and dedication with which the children approached this task, producing some truly compelling arguments.

Art lessons this week focused on the exploration of texture within paintings. Children experimented with adding different materials to paint, as well as exploring various brush strokes to create visually interesting textures. It was wonderful to see their creativity and artistic expression flourish during these sessions.





Year 3

Wow what a busy week Year 3 have had! We were split into Team Tiger and Team Penguin. School have sponsored two animals through WWF specifically for the Year 3s. We have researched endangered animals, created origami, found out how we can help save the animals on the critical list and even had a movie night! The finale will be an art show for the KS1 and KS2 children to come and wonder at our creations.



Go Team Tiger and Team Penguin!

Year 4

Year 4 have been to Bewerley Park this week – they have had a wonderful, fun-filled, action-packed few days and we have been so impressed by their resilience, independence and eagerness to make the most of such a brilliant opportunity. Well done Year 4!



Year 5/6

It's been another busy week in Year 5/6. We started with a lot of fruit chopping in science to extract seeds. Everyone has their own seed planted now and we're waiting to see which ones grow best (we're feeling confident it will be the tomatoes). Our art skills are also progressing nicely. This week we have been focusing on sewing buttons.

In English we have finished designing a hero and monster for our Greek myths. We have begun writing up the full story and the focus has been amazing. Everyone is really committed to making their myth as realistic and gripping as it can be. I'm not sure I've heard my class this quiet before!





Marfell Awards

We are delighted to announce this term's Marfell Award winners. The Marfell Award is given to children who demonstrate our school values of kindness, honesty and respect. The children were presented with their badges in an assembly last Friday. All children nominated will be considered at the end of the year for our 2024 Marfell Award winner where we will select our overall winner and their name will be engraved on the Marfell Trophy. This term our governors also selected a winner. Well done!



Open Country Fundraiser



Daniel and Alex raised a fantastic £140 for Open Country last Friday. Well done boys!



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Enchanted Trail

Come and see which magical creatures have come to visit Thorp Perrow this half term.



A host of magical creatures have created their very own trail within the Arboretum – a maze of doorways, hidden spaces and enchanting scenes. They are asking families to come and share in the beauty of their mythical world this half term.

Nestled in 100 acres of woodland, our enchanted trail will be running daily from Sat 18th May – Sun 2nd June. Our resident Gnome will also be here to hand out Standard admission applies and trail sheets are £2.50 and can be bought on the day, a prize is given to all.

(Gnome visiting dates 19th May, 26th May – 2nd June except 1st June)

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FUND-RAISIN

The challenge:
To eat your raisins and fill your box with as much money as you can by **Tuesday 7th May**

Everyone who brings their box back in will be entered into a draw to win a prize

Please make sure your raisin box has your **child's name and class** clearly written on the box.

Ideas for how to fill your box:
Chores for change / Sponsored silence / Dog walking / Bake sale / Car wash / Anything you like

All monies raised will help us continue to provide treats, equipment and activities for all the children to enjoy.

Thank you for your continued support



RED KITE
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Time for a career change?

Train to teach with Red Kite Teacher Training

Join us for an online information event
Thursday 9th May 7.00-8.00pm



If you are considering a change in career, could teaching be for you?

Join us online to find out what it is like to train to teach with Red Kite Teacher Training.

Red Kite Teacher Training is an Ofsted Outstanding Provider of school-based teacher training in North and West Yorkshire. We work in partnership with schools across the region, as well as the University of Leeds, to train new teachers who are confident in the classroom and are sought after by future employers as accomplished practitioners.

This information event will provide the opportunity for you to ask any questions you may have as well as providing you with guidance for your application.

Part-time option available for Primary training
Red Kite Teacher Training's part-time courses are flexible, two-year training programmes designed specifically for people who have family commitments or need to work while training.

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CLICK HERE to register for a place on our career changers information event



Join the All Stars at Beckwithshaw Cricket Club!

Spark your child's love for cricket with Beckwithshaw Cricket Club's All Stars Programme!

Designed for kids aged 5 to 8 (**reception to year 3**), our programme offers the perfect introduction to the world of cricket. Through exciting games and activities, children will learn key skills in a fun, safe, and inclusive environment. Weekly sessions are led by our certified coaches who are passionate about nurturing young talent.

All-stars is a great way to get into cricket. The majority of the under 9s and the older age groups at Beckwithshaw started at All-Stars and have continued to have a fun time playing a fantastic sport.

This programme is for girls and boys in reception, year 1, year 2 & year 3

Programme time and date:

9:00am - 10:00am

Sat 11 May - Sat 06 Jul 2024

Cost is £30 for an 8 week programme (shirt included)



More info found at <https://tinyurl.com/Beckwithshaw-all-stars>

Send a message to Oli Wynn (Lead Activator) on [07729803193](tel:07729803193) if you have questions

