

**Upcoming Events:**

**Tuesday 14th March:** Spelling Bee Finals

**Friday 17th March:** Mother’s Day Celebration— Mothers / Guardians of Reception and Nursery children are invited into school for a Mother’s Day breakfast followed by an opportunity to make cards with the children (8:45am—10am)

**Friday 17th March:** Reports out to parents/ carers.

**Friday 17th March:** Red Nose Day—Children can wear an item of red clothing or a red accessory.

**Tuesday 21st March:** World Poetry Day

**Wednesday 22nd March:** World Water Day

**Thursday 23rd March:** Parent/ Teacher Consultations

**Monday 27th March:** Easter Hamper Raffle

**Tuesday 28th March:** Parent/ Teacher Consultations

**Tuesday 28th March:** Autism Awareness Day

**Messages from the Principal**

Good afternoon,

Unfortunately due to the adverse weather conditions today, we have had to close the school to ensure the safety of children and staff. We have provided virtual learning through Teams (Years 2-6) and Tapestry (Nursery, Reception and Year 1).

I am aware of some challenges children have had accessing their Teams classrooms. As this is a platform that we will be using regularly for setting work and providing virtual learning please ensure that you have access to your child’s classroom. The children received log in details prior to the first day of the Industrial Action in February and are contained inside their reading records or school planners. Learning during the strike action taking place on 15th and 16th March will be provided through those virtual platforms (unless you have made a request for paper copies).

Have a great weekend, enjoy the snow and stay safe.

David Livie  
Principal

Achievement Awards			
Class	Researcher	Citizen	Academic
RLE	N/A	N/A	N/A
RCT	N/A	N/A	N/A
RCB	N/A	Jaxon	Pippa
1AC	Caitlyn	Isabella	Coral
1AL	N/A	N/A	N/A
1CL	N/A	N/A	N/A
2SW	Noah M	Hallie	Noah H
2LD	Raul	Myles	Henry
2AT	N/A	Oliver	Emma
3JW	Lexie	N/A	Oliver
3EN	Isabella	Leo B	Sophia
3GG	N/A	N/A	N/A
4JB	N/A	Emily	Bella
4RW	N/A	Izzy	Delphi
4BH	N/A	Frankie	Jude
5RC	N/A	N/A	N/A
5SM	N/A	N/A	N/A
5SG	N/A	Alex	Samsher
6KD	Laila M	Holly D	Finley D
6ME	Toby E	Darcey G	Grace H
6JM	Elisha R	Cole C	Charlie A

**This week...**

**Spelling Bee Heats**

Our children in Years 3-6 participated in the Spring Term Spelling Bee heats in classes. This part of the competition provides the children with an opportunity to compete against children in their own class in order to progress to the final. The children spell words from the National Curriculum spelling lists (although often words from the next year group have to be used to determine a winner!). We have four children in each class who will participate in the final next week. Good luck to each of you!

**Updates and Reminders**

**Red Nose Day**

Red Nose Day is back on Friday 17th March and we're joining schools up and down the nation to raise as much money for Comic Relief as possible!

Red Noses are now available to purchase on ParentPay. Please note, that there are a limited number of noses to purchase. To raise even more money for Comic Relief, children are invited to come to school wearing an item of red clothing or a red accessory on Friday 17th March. The remaining clothes should be school uniform. In return, we are asking for a donation to Comic Relief to be made by following the link or by scanning the QR code. Thank you!



<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/rednoseday23-westerton-primary-academy>

**Something to read this week:**

This week you could read ‘A hole in the bottom of the sea’ by Jessica Law. This story is perfect for children in early years and year 1 with plenty of repetition and knowledge of life cycles:

<https://www.booktrust.org.uk/books-and-reading/have-some-fun/storybooks-and-games/A-hole-in-the-bottom-of-the-sea>



**Vocabulary corner**

‘Life is tons of discipline. Your first discipline is your vocabulary; then your grammar and your punctuation’  
**Robert Frost**

**Ambivalent:** having mixed feelings or contradictory ideas about something or someone

‘Most people loved History, a few disliked it, and others were **ambivalent**’

How many different ways can you use the word **ambivalent**?

**Challenge of the Week**

**States of Matter**

Using a ceramic bowl and a large bottle of chilled water, it is possible to create ice! Watch water change state by slowly pouring the very chilled water slowly onto an upturned ceramic bowl.

How do the ice crystals form? What shape do they make? Try the following variables (the parts of an experiment that we change):

What happens when you pour the (extremely) cold water onto the same part of the bowl?

What if you were to pour it more randomly?





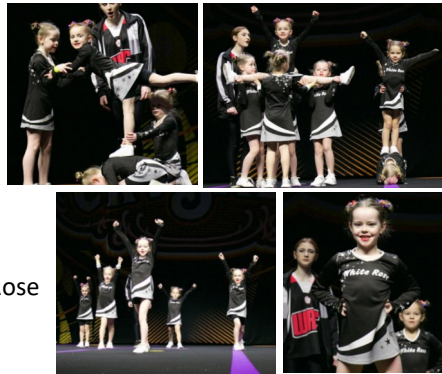
## Also this week...

### Children of Westerton

Children across the school attend White Rose Cheer (cheerleading squad) and took part in a competition last weekend in Hull where they were victorious! Isabelle and Layla in Year 2 and Abbie in Year 1 are part of the team 'Ospreys' who have been competing in the division Tiny Prep 1:1.

The girls came joint first out of 6 teams.

Well done to all of the other children representing White Rose Cheer as there are a number of children who also attend Westerton amongst the different cheer teams.



Kl'aymore in Year 1 has been scouted by Leeds United, Manchester United and Manchester City football academies. He currently plays for each of the academies, playing matches and tournaments in his age group with hope of one team taking him on once he turns 8. We look forward to a future footballer in our school!



### Leeds Skipping Competition

This week thirty Year 4 children attended a Leeds skipping competition. The children were amazing and won their heat. They will now be invited to the Leeds final in May to see if they can bring home the trophy! Well done Year 4!



### Science Week

From Monday 13th March it is British Science Week.

The theme of British Science week this year is **'Connections'**.

Nearly all innovations in science, technology, engineering, and maths are built on connections between people; two (or more) heads are better than one, after all! But as well as exploring the importance and joy in connections between individual scientists, research groups and institutions, you could discover the different ways connections appear across all areas of science. Evolution, for example, shows us the ways that animals, including humans, as well as plants and bacteria are all connected in a family tree stretching back millennia.

Below are 2 websites which have some lovely low resourced activities which families can carry out at home:

[Star Home Learning \(crestawards.org\)](https://www.crestawards.org/)

### The Human Body Challenge

Your challenge this year is to think about the human body and all the different connections it has. This could be anything from how our organs are connected to DNA or even fingerprints!

Think about what you would like to find out about the human body, research this and then present your findings which ever way you wish. Try and be as creative as you can!

STEM competition 2023

- Research anything linking to the human body – thinking about how everything is connected.
- Get creative! Present your findings in any way you like, be as creative as you wish.
- Include some of the facts you have found out.
- Either bring in your creation or share an image or video via Tapestry (EYFS and year 1) or email your entries to [tapestry@westerton.leodis.org.uk](mailto:tapestry@westerton.leodis.org.uk)
- The deadline for the STEM competition is the 27th of March

