

## NEWSLETTER

Inset Days: Wednesday 23 June, Thursday 24 June and Friday 25 June

Y5 Visit to The Hastings Shipwreck and Fisherman's Museum: Monday 28 June

Y6 Leaver's Sleepover: Friday 16 July

### Message from Mr O'Regan

We have completed another week of excellent learning and friendship at West St Leonards which has truly reflected the POW value of the week – optimism. For example, we have had our Year One children showing their optimism over the weekend by helping to keep the community cleaner, as well as children in year three who have helped our new joiners feel welcome and relieve any of their concerns about moving to a new school. Thank you to all the pupils who have shared their pride in their learning sharing new knowledge learnt.

Thank you to those who have collected free sunscreen (factor 50)- from the office- there are some bottles still available.

Laptops and Routers: If you received any IT equipment from school during the last lockdown to support your child with their learning, **please may you return these school laptops and routers next week directly to the office.**

Finally, we wished to reassure you that our systems in school are a continuation of the current COVID measures and we will not be making any amendments at this time. Should we decide that changes can be made, and we receive confirmation from our Trust that we are permitted to do so, we will notify all families as soon as possible. This involves everyone continuing to wear masks on site and remaining socially distant from others to minimise the impact on all the community.





## Litter Warriors!

Some of our children from Blackbirds and Robins took part in a group litter pick on the beach on Sunday as part of their homework. The children all thoroughly enjoyed themselves and had a paddle afterwards!

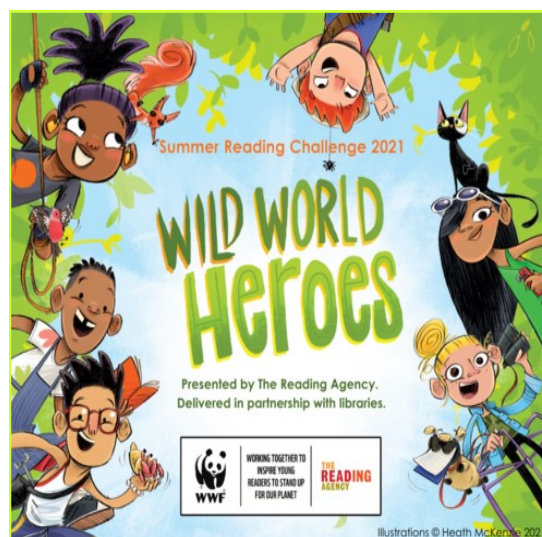




# Summer Reading Challenge 2021

We were delighted to welcome Henry from the Library Service this week who told us all about the fantastic Summer Reading Challenge. Take your child along to any library in East Sussex to borrow from the extensive range of fiction, non-fiction, graphic novels, poems, audio books and comics to take part. Children will be given a library card free of charge and can borrow up to 20 items each time! Definitely one way to while away the summer sunshine and of course to enrich our brains with wonderful words!

Thank you so much Henry for your enthusiasm about books.



## Golden Bugs

Congratulations to our glittering GOLDEN BUGS this week! Your patience, perseverance and resilience with your reading will help you to make super progress across the CURRICULUM!

**Reception:** Isaac, Sonia and Reuben

**Year 1:** Jack and Theo

**Year 2:** Nina and Fletcher

**Year 3:** Yusriyah

**Year 4:** Summer

**KS2 'Top Bugs':** Tia and Andrew

Keep reading, keep smiling!

10 ways to become a better reader...

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2. READ
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9. Read
10. READ



## Eric Carle

We celebrated Eric Carle Day this week in memory of the great author and illustrator. Many classes made arts and crafts linked to his popular texts and here we see Doves class enjoying his books whilst making caterpillars and butterflies in the style of the author.



Year 2 enjoyed sharing the story of The Mixed Up Chameleon in Guided Reading. We talked about the POW value of OPTIMISM and being grateful for each of our strengths





## Eric Carle

It was so wonderful to meet an army of incredibly hungry caterpillars and a snuggle of sloths amongst other Eric Carle inspired pieces of work on our Eric Carle day on Wednesday. We thoroughly enjoyed studying his beautiful artwork and clever use of repetitive language. As a child in Y2 said "I'm so sad that Eric Carle has died but I can keep reading his books forever".



## Y1 Handwriting Heroes

Well done to everyone who practised their handwriting last week and to **Maddison** and **Prakriti** our Handwriting Heroes.

Our next focus is the 'down and retrace' letter family. Click [here](#) for videos to support the correct formation.

Please return your handwriting practice on Monday with your name on it.

Who will be the next Handwriting Heroes?

Good luck everyone and happy handwriting!



## Changes to PE

Thank you to all parents and carers for following the new guidelines around PE kits. This has increased time spent on all learning as the children are no longer getting changed and, needless to say, will have save you the concerns of children returning home with missing items of clothing. On a related note, please remember that children can indeed wear tracksuit bottoms on days where the weather is colder or more unpredictable. We have had a string of very hot days but the current rain seems to have put a stop to that. In this situation, green, black or dark blue tracksuit bottoms would be fine to wear over the PE kit. Likewise, a green West St Leonards hoodie can be worn over the top also.



## Politeness Cup

Celebrating our children with impeccable manners who put a smile on our faces. We focus on many POW values each week but we know how politeness can support them all. Well done to Noah (Y1) and Poppy (Y5).



Noah



Poppy

## Excellent Learning Across West St Leonards

It is not only Year One children that have showed their POW value of co-operation over the weekends. Well done also to Beritan and Valentine for their collaboration on this excellent diorama of a deep sea scene. They explained how their knowledge in class supported them to choose darker colours for the deeper parts of the sea and they also showed their creativity by using pasta for the coral reef which was then painted bright colours. What a fantastic piece.





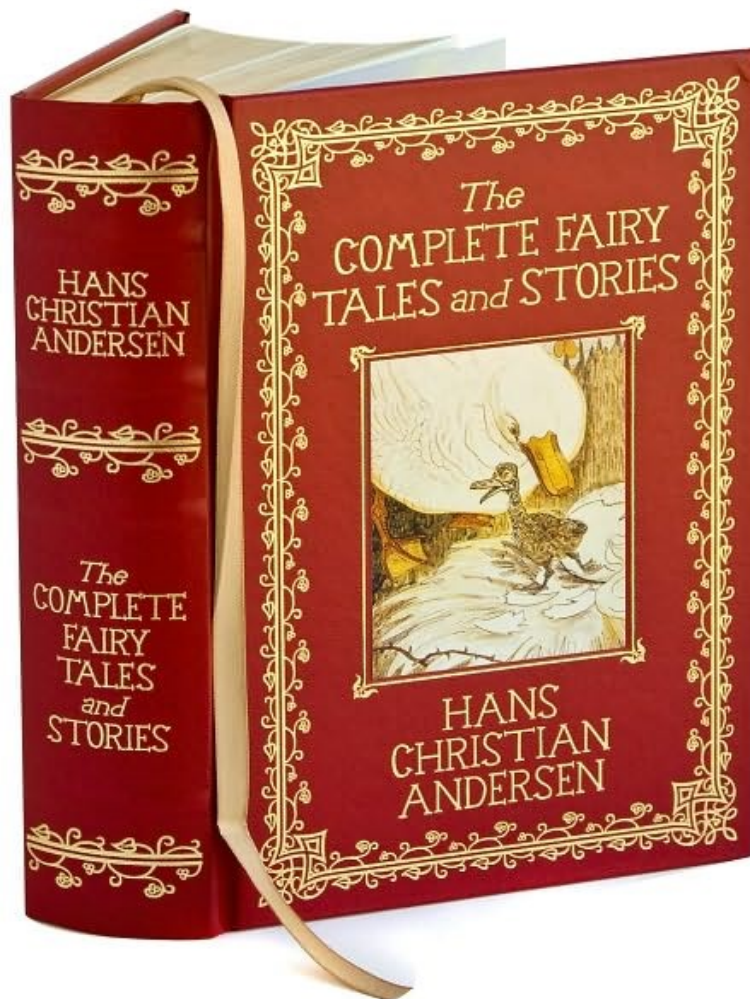
## Recommended Read (Upper KS2)

### Hans Andersen's Fairy Tales | Author: Hans Christian Andersen

*My fairy tales were as much for older people as for children...humour was the real salt in them.'*

Hans Andersen is best remembered for the tales collected in this edition, stories that have become classics and have been translated into over a hundred languages.

This selection contains twenty-eight stories, including 'The Tinder-Box,' 'Thumbelina,' 'The Little Mermaid,' 'The Ugly Duckling,' and 'The Snow Queen,' as well as others that are less well known. Some of the tales are taken from history or Danish folk tales, but the majority are Andersen's own invention and often feature the author, his friends and enemies in a variety of guises.





## Gold Awards

We continue to award children each week for showing their POW values and showing Excellent Learning and Friendship. Here are the gold awards for this week.



**Puffins - Naya, Kiera and Evie**

*Naya, Kiera W and Evie for showing the POW value of Teamwork when working together in the classroom but also when coming up with new ideas in the outdoor area.*



**Ducklings - Olivia and Harvey**

*Olivia and Harvey used their teamworking skills to complete a challenging task for writing task. They supported each other and showed resilience.*



**Robins - Archie**

*Archie has demonstrated a great knowledge of what has been taught over each topic of work. He is confident, enthusiastic to learn more and willingness to present his ideas and understanding. Well done, Archie!*



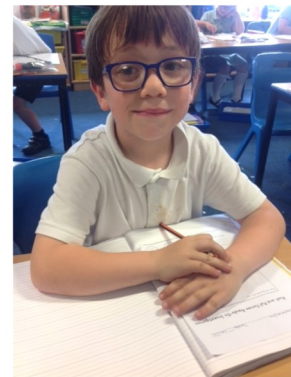
**Blackbirds - Maddison**

*Maddison, for always trying her absolute hardest to achieve her best in every area of learning. Maddison is a fantastic role model to her peers and her attitude to learning is outstanding!*



**Warblers - Emily**

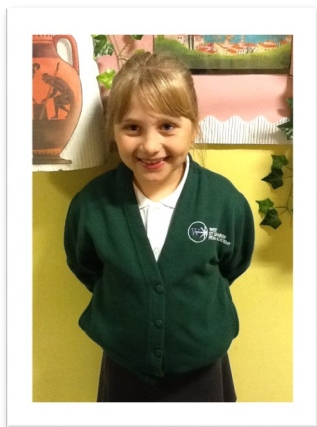
*Emily has worked hard to join her handwriting and has made amazing progress when we look from her starting point. Well done Emily! Keep up the efforts to walk like a princess and be a super seven year old!*



**Kingfishers - Owen**

*Owen has had a fantastic week in Kingfishers. He has worked so hard and shown amazing perseverance with his Reading and Handwriting. We are very proud of you Owen and you should be proud of yourself too!*





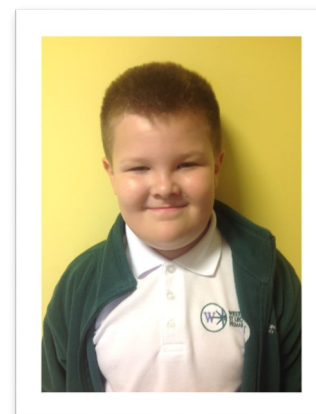
**Nightingales - Emily**

Emily for settling in so well to West St Leonardo. Starting a new school can be difficult, but Emily has shown her optimism and resilience POW values and, as a result, she has made a fantastic start to her time at the school. A massive well done to you, Emily!



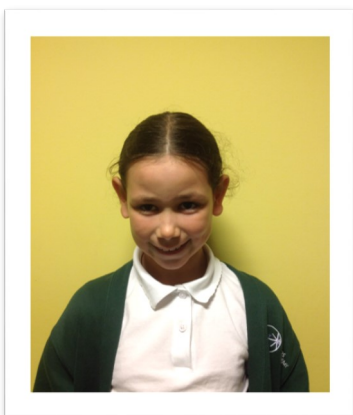
**Sandmartins - Beritan**

Beritan for consistently using her POW values. She is a great role model and really helpful to others. She shows determination in all areas of her learning, especially in her reading. Beritan's homework is always completed to a very high standard. Well done Beritan!



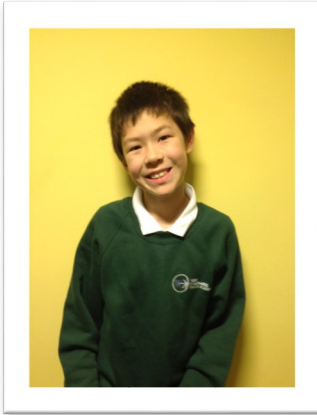
**Avocets - Oscar**

Oscar for always trying his best in our lessons and for his increased confidence in participating in class discussions. Keep up the hard work!



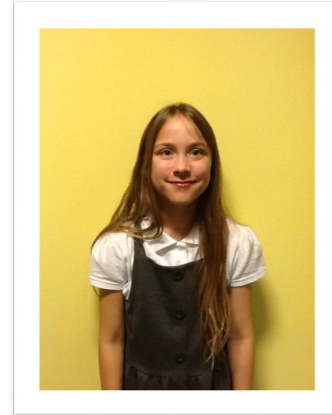
**Oystercatchers - Lily**

Lily for her fantastic resilience in all aspects of her learning. Lily has been working incredibly hard to identify regular and irregular shapes this week. Keep up the excellent work Lily!



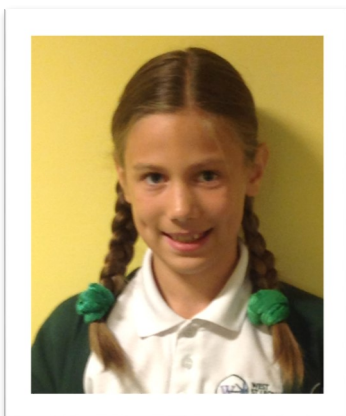
**Heron - Henry**

Henry for showing great intonation in our reading lesson on Tuesday as he made the text really engaging. Keep up the good reading!



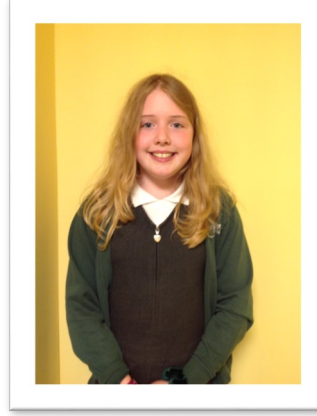
**Cranes - Nevie**

Nevie for showing her excellent creativity in writing and persevering in her number fluency. Well done Nevie, keep up the great work!



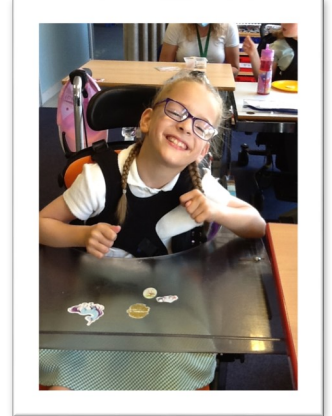
**Razorbills - Zaryana**

Zaryana for her excellent precision in watercolour painting techniques such as wet on wet and wet on dry. She has proved to be a great fit as the Razorbills amazing artist!



**Swifts - Eve**

Eve for confidently articulating connections in her History learning and knowledge across, not only key stage 2, but all the way back to year 1! Well done Eve!



**Doves - Maddison**

Maddison for always trying her best at all tasks set. She always displays her POW values and is a role model to her peers. Well done, Maddison!



# Academic Year 2021-2022

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 Bank or Public Holiday

 Classes resume

 School Holidays

 INSET DAY

 End of Term

# Communication in the Early Years

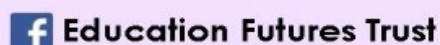
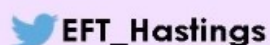


**Join us for play and development ideas:  
songs, stories and fun!**

**Please bring along your own pens and water bottles**

**Where:** EFT Early Learning Centre, 464 Bexhill Rd, St. Leonards-on-Sea TN38 8AU  
**When:** Wednesdays, 23rd June—14th July 2021, 9.30am to 12noon  
**Cost:** Free

**To book a place, contact us on 01424 722241 or [jennyu@educationfuturestrust.org](mailto:jennyu@educationfuturestrust.org)**



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# Healthy Beginnings

Join us for Nutrition and Wellbeing

- Top tips for meal-planning/budgeting
- Keeping safe at home
- Have a go at making a recipe



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## East Sussex School Health Service



**Aged 11 to 19?**

Or parent/carer of a  
child or young person  
aged 5 to 19 years old?

**Speak to a  
school nurse  
in person.**

Tuesdays and Thursdays  
10am to 3 pm  
and 6 to 9pm

**Click** <https://nhs.uk/east-sussex-school-health>

or text  
07507 332473 anytime.



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