

The Amotherby Chronicle



Summer Term 2026

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Welcome to the Spring edition of our school newspaper. We hope that you will enjoy reading about school news as well as some of the things going on in Malton and the rest of the world.

Competition Time Again!

Are you the next JK Rowling? Do you love writing stories to entertain you friends and family? If the answer is yes, then we have the perfect completion for you! We are having our own story writing competition next term in school with a range of great prizes to be won. The theme is 'Behind the Door'

Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS)

Draw a picture of what is behind the door and write a word, label, or short sentence about it. You might write something like "A dragon!" or "A magic castle." Grown-ups can help write down your ideas.

Key Stage 1 (Year 1 and Year 2)

Write a few sentences explaining what happens when you open the mysterious door. Think about who or what you see and what might happen next.

Lower Key Stage 2 (Year 3 and Year 4)

Write a short story about opening the mysterious door. Try to include some description and think about a small problem or adventure that happens inside.

Upper Key Stage 2 (Year 5 and Year 6)

Write a mini story about what is behind the mysterious door. Challenge yourself to include exciting vocabulary, description, and maybe even some dialogue to bring your story to life.

Prizes will be awarded for creativity, imagination, and effort in each key stage!



Great prizes to win!

Goodie Bags containing:

- gel pens,
- writing materials
- notebooks
- stationary

All entries must be handwritten – your best presentation please!

Life @ Amotherby School

Artist In Residence

This term, we were really lucky because Kane Cunningham, our Artist in Residence came to work with Class 2. We had so much fun being artists!

We created a brilliant piece of artwork linked to our science topic about plants. We looked closely at shapes, colours and textures in nature and used these ideas in our work. We also started to think about our next topic, coasts, and included patterns and ideas inspired by the sea.

We really enjoyed getting creative and trying new techniques. It was exciting to work with a real artist and learn new skills.

We are very proud of our finished artwork and can't wait to do more art next term!

Thank you to our Artist in Residence for helping us!



This was the best
day ever!

Arlo year 2

I really liked doing
the rubbings
outside

Louie Year 2



Eco Team News



Welcome to our regular Eco Schools feature. We will update you on all the news and events as we work towards our Eco Schools accreditation.

The Eco Team is one of our many responsibilities and opportunities at Amotherby School. This role is important because lots of the environment and species across the world is endangered. The members of the Eco Team try to help by doing their bit. We have an eco-garden next to Treetops, and we look after the plants in there. This year we are trying to improve our school environment by making bug hotels and composting our waste. Our Eco Team is very important so if you if you think you would enjoy this it could be you next year! By Jesscia (year 5)

Our Eco Challenge

We have now added a 'switch off' challenge to our school. This is whenever we can turn off a light or a screen to save energy (and money!) This will help everyone be much more eco-friendly, so we are all trying our hardest to remember. We have decided to take more action so our Eco team have made some 'Switch Off' posters and signs and these are stuck all over school to remind us. Look out for these in your classroom!

By Tess (year 5)





Feature Teacher

Mrs Bestwick-Rolph



1. What is your favourite hobby when you are out of school?

I like taking my dog Billy for a walk. He loves meeting people.

2. If you couldn't be a teacher, what job would you do?

I would be an astronaut!

3. Where do you want to go on holiday and why?

I would really like to go to Australia and New Zealand because I like wildlife (especially kangaroos) and see different landscapes like the barrier reef.



4. If you could only eat one food for the rest of your life, what would it be?

Haribos or potatoes!

5. What is your favourite part of Amotherby school and why?

The children and staff are my favourite part because they are so friendly and welcoming.

6. If you were stranded on a desert island, what would you take and why?

I would take a book, Billy my dog and an inflatable flamingo.

7. If your teacher at primary school has to describe you in three words what would they say?

Quiet, hardworking and helpful

8. What job did you want to do when you were a child?

When I was a child, I wanted to be a vulcanologist: someone who studies volcanoes.



Fun Fact

I have 2 younger, identical twin sisters who are naughty!





READING CHALLENGE BOOKS!



Do you want to challenge yourself in reading? Well, here's your chance! We have selected 6 books for each year group that we think will help challenge the children in every class. Each year group from 2 to 6 has different challenge reads at their level. Tess (year 5)







Year 2

Flat Stanley by Jeff Brown 	George's Marvelous Medicine by Roald Dahl 	Martin's Mice by Dick King-Smith 	Oliver & the Seawigs by Phillip Reeve 	The Monster Crisp Guzzler by Malorie Blackman 	Mr Majaika by Humphrey Carpenter 
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Year 3

Varijak Paw by S.F Said 	Charlotte's Web by E.B White 	Jelly Boots Smelly Boots by Michael Rosen 	The Creakers by Tom Fletcher 	The Boy Who Grew Dragons by Andy Shephard 	The 13 Story Treehouse by Andy Griffiths & Terry Denton 
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Year 4

Matilda by Roald Dahl 	Roman Boy by Tony Bradman 	The Cursed Tomb by Iszi Lawrence 	The Great Farm Rescue by Helen Peters 	Turtle Moon by Hannah Gold 	Shipwrecked by Jenny Pearson 
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Year 5

The Wolves of Willoughby Chase 	Impossible Creatures by Katherine Rundell 	The Nowhere Emporium by Ross MacKenzie 	Millions by Frank Cottrell Boyce 	Harry Potter by JK Rowling 	Ajay and the Mumbai Sun by Varsha Shah 
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Year 6

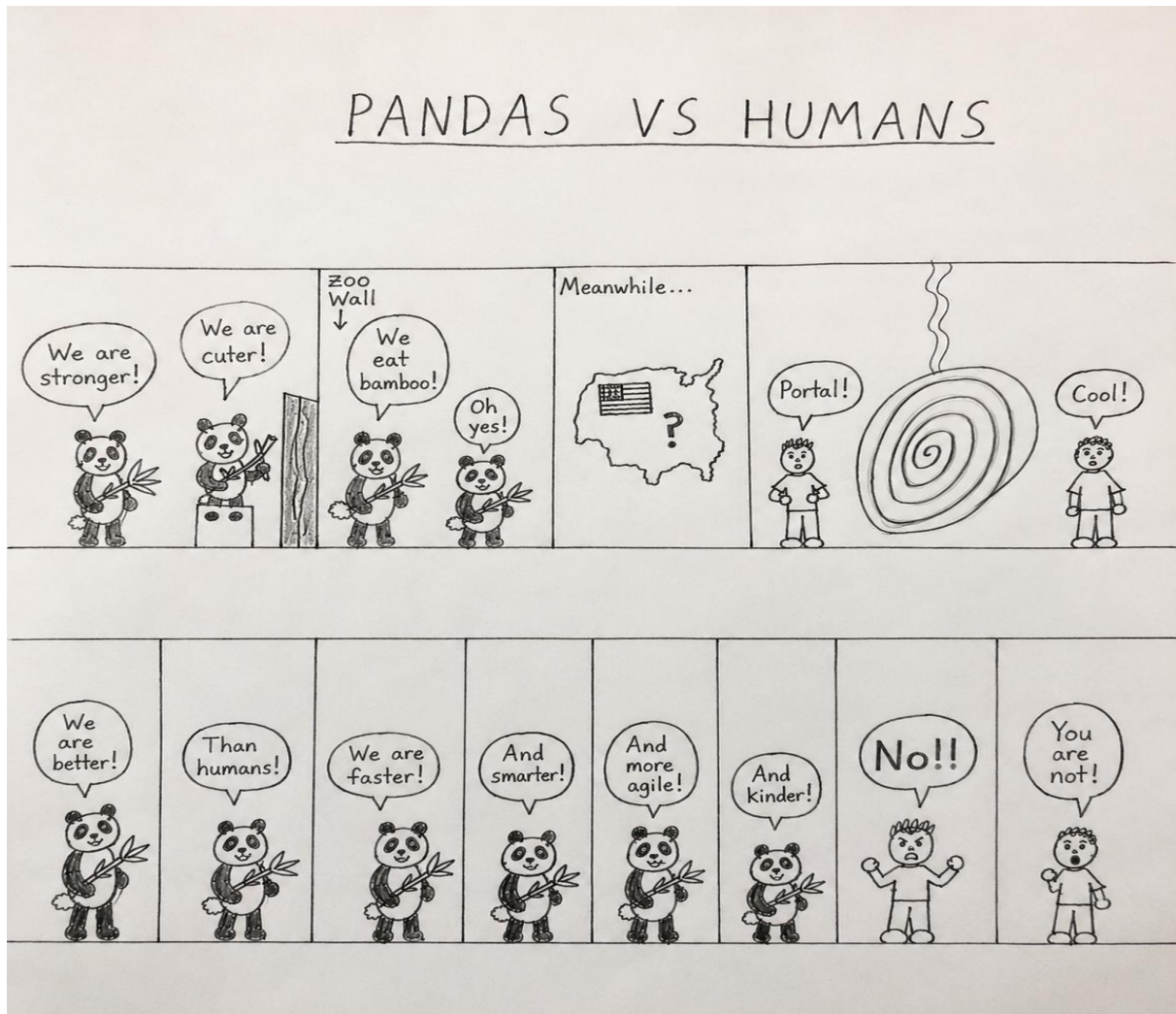
Pig Heart Boy by Malorie Blackman 	Cogheart by Peter Bunzl 	The Wrong Shoes by Tom Percival 	The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe by CS Lewis 	Windrush by Benjamin Zephaniah 	Skellig by David Almond 
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Every classroom will have 2 copies of each book available after the Easter holidays so grab your favourite book and get reading! A big **THANKYOU** to the Amotherby Educational Fund who gave us the money to buy these.



Our Amazing Comic Panda Vs Humans!

Created and published by Hector and Jacob (year 5)

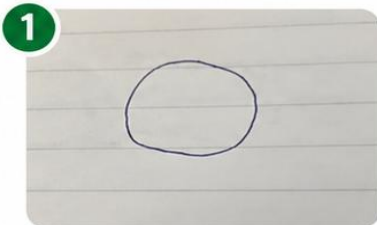


If you like comics and would like to join the chronicle team to create and design your own comic, then please come along on Monday lunchtime to class 5 at 12.30pm

HOW TO DRAW A CUTE BUNNY!

Creative
Corner

Follow these easy steps to draw your very own adorable bunny.
All you need is a pencil and paper!



1 Draw a circle lightly in the middle of your page – this is the bunny's head.



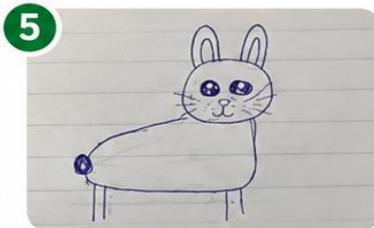
2 Carefully add two long ears to your head circle, and don't forget your cute eyes, nose and mouth!



3 Next, make the shape of the body. It has to be like a cute little bun! Add a small round tail.



4 Then, add the little legs at the back. Don't forget to draw more accessories if you like!



5 Almost there! Add the front legs and feet to the front of the body, just like this.



6 And now you can have a lovely little cute bunny rabbit!



TOP TIP!

Take your time and have fun – practice makes perfect!



BY ALICIA
YEAR 5



Next Issue

- David Attenborough Biography
- Animal Fact File: Wonderful Whales
- Year 6 Bushcraft Diary
- More Panda Vs Humans
- Things to do in the holidays!

Next Issue
in June



Our MP Visit



Last term we had a visit from our local MP, Mr Kevin Hollinrake. He did a little assembly on what his job is and the things he does as an MP and then was interviewed by the school council. He told us all about his job. He goes to London for the week and comes home at the weekend to see his family. Read his interview here! By Isla Year 6



What's the best part of your job?

"I love this country and I love this area. The best part of my job is being able to make a difference and help make things better for people now and in the future."

He said he wants to make sure that the next generation grows up in a place they are proud to live in.

What do you do in a typical day at work?

Mr Hollinrake explained that there is no single "typical" day.

"Some days I'm in Parliament debating national issues. Other days I'm meeting local residents, visiting organisations or attending community events. Every day is different."

"Being an MP isn't really a nine-to-five job. There are often meetings, events and travel, so the hours can be quite long."

Do you travel all over the country?

"I travel regularly between my constituency and Parliament in London. I also sometimes travel around the country to meet other people involved in politics and discuss different ideas and policies."

Although he travels a lot for work, he said he always enjoys coming back to this part of North Yorkshire.

Can you tell us about your job?

"My job as a Member of Parliament is to represent the people who live in this area. That means listening to their concerns and speaking up for them in Parliament. Every day is different. Sometimes I'm meeting people locally to talk about issues in the community. Other times I'm in London taking part in debates, meetings and decisions that affect the whole country."

He explained that MPs deal with many different topics - from local issues such as roads, schools, to national and international housing or matters.



