



NEWSLETTER – Friday 22nd September 2023

Message from Mrs Petchey

Year 6 had a fantastic time on their residential over the weekend, it was lovely to spend the day with them on Sunday. What an amazing experience they all had!

Mrs Waller has received a range of entries for our new school values colouring competition. A huge thank you to those children who have already handed in their designs. To enable all children, the opportunity to take part, we have extended the closing date for this competition until Monday.

It can be tricky deciding whether or not to keep your child off school when they're unwell. There are government guidelines for schools and nurseries about managing specific infectious diseases at GOV.UK. These say when children should be kept off school and when they shouldn't. This guide can be found linked <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

We look forward to welcoming as many parents as possible to our first open classroom event in school next Friday 29th September from 3:15pm.

Have a lovely weekend.



OUR LEARNING THIS WEEK

YEAR 3

This week in maths YR3 have been learning to partition numbers to 1000 using place value counters, as well as continuing to place numbers on a number line - looking at the start point, the end point and counting how many intervals there

are.

We are coming close to the end of our shared write of Little Red Reading hood in English and have thought of questions that might lead us into continuing the tale further. In order to think of ideas, YR3 have discussed well-known traditional tales and have had a go at mixing them up to create a new story! They had great fun in science this week exploring what would happen if we didn't have a skeleton. To help promote understanding they made play doh people, one with cocktail sticks and one without. They drew and wrote their observations in their books.

In Geography, children reminded themselves of human and physical features, especially those found in Norwich. They then worked in table groups, each child focusing on making one of the features out of recyclable material, and then using these to create a map of Norwich. They drew River Wensum as a central physical feature on a map first.

YR 3 had their Art lesson in the Art studio for the first time! They experimented creating different marks with their bodies on large paper with charcoal, graphite pencil, erasers and chalk.

Lastly, in French they have been learning how to say how they are feeling - most looked 'bien'!

Well done on another busy week YR3!



YEAR 4

Year 4 have been continuing to make great progress.

In Maths, we have been partitioning numbers in different ways.

In English, we have been continuing the story 'Bike Boy'. We enjoyed an Experience day where children brought in their teddies to school to write about growing up and the changes that happen similar to the central character in the story.

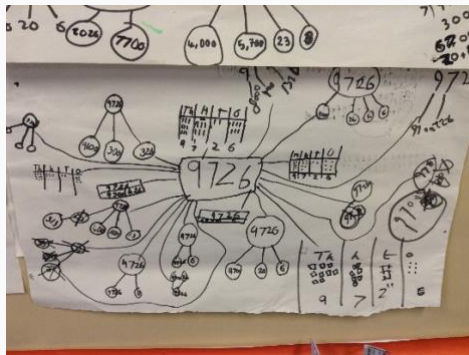
In Science we have been placing eggs into different containers to see what happens to them over time and what this might mean when drinking fizzy drinks.

In Geography, it's Route 66 and seeing what lies along this American highway. This week it has been tornadoes!

In PE we are doing basketball and ball skills. TNBV Cheer v-dribbles and bounce passes are improving.

In PSHE - these are our helping hands directing children to someone safe.

We are sending Maths homework books home this weekend and children will also receive their talk time which is a time in the year when they will talk to the class about something they are interested in.

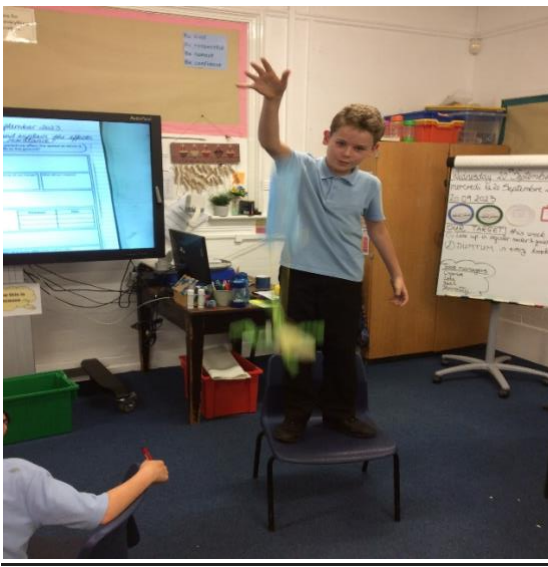


YEAR 5

Another busy week in year 5. We have continued to write amazing sentences in our English including using personification and dialogue. We have been really creative and have produced some really incredible sentences.

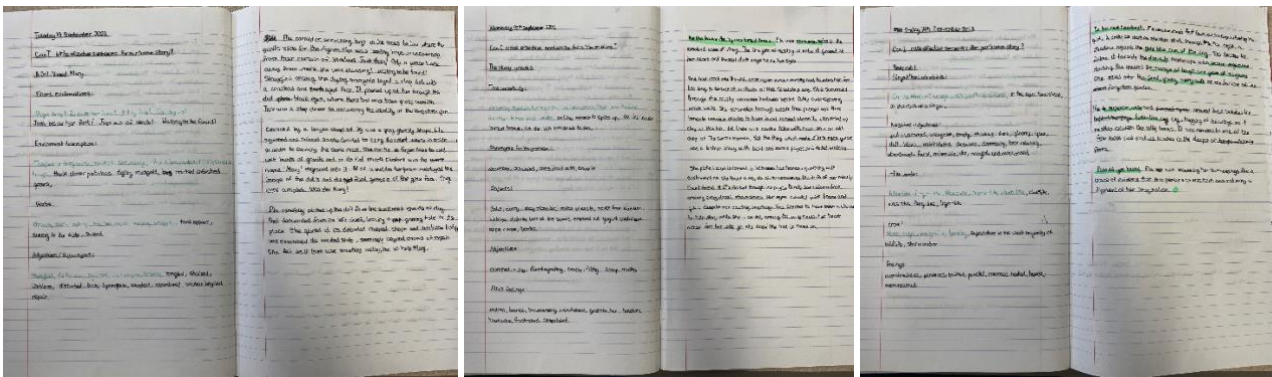
In Maths, we have continued to work on place value. We learned all about the power of 10 and have used number lines to plot and compare numbers all the way up to 1,000,000.

In the afternoons we enjoyed making parachutes in Science and investigated how the size of the parachute affects the speed that they drop. In History, we learnt about Alexander the Great and his empire.



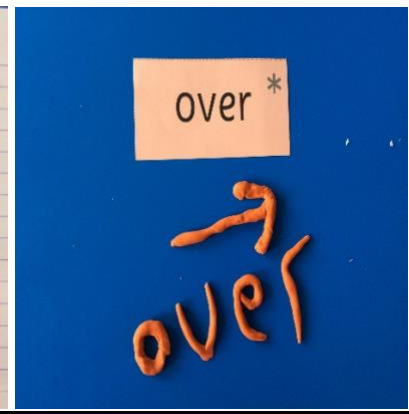
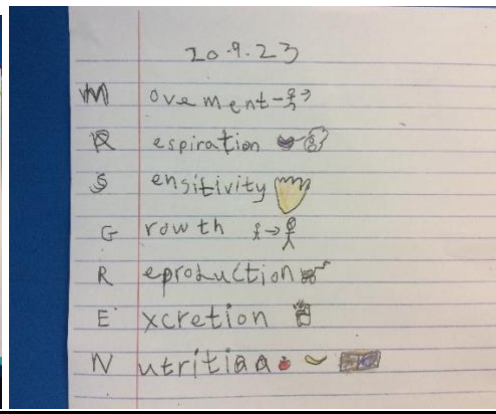
YEAR 6

What a weekend! Year 6 had their residential trip to Bawdsey Manor over the weekend which was jam-packed! They arrived back at school on Monday feeling very tired from all the different activities. The children who stayed at school had a lovely time with Mrs Eaglen. They made mini books based on our English text 'Thornhill' and they also made art based on the same book, as well as it being linked to our science unit of 'Light'. From Tuesday, we continued to write some beautiful sentences in our sentence stacking lessons. We have rounded off our Place Value unit with rounding and negative numbers! We will be starting 'Addition, Subtraction, Multiplication and Division' next week. Year 6 are continuing to look at fitness in PE, Samba in music and sports in French. We had our rotation of Art, DT and Computing this week meaning that 6 Palacio looked at 3-course meals in DT, 6 Ness became secret code breakers in Computing and 6 Morpurgo started their art looking at sculptures. Thursday afternoon was a combination of Geography and PSHE. We looked at the importance of the Ozone Layer in Geography and continued looking at Personal Identity in PSHE. Finally, we finished the week off with Hockey in PE.



Blake Class

In Blake Class, we have been immersing ourselves in our new topic about plants. In English, we have been learning to spell some key adjectives and nouns to use in our setting description and thinking about how to make sounds within words. In science, we thought about what all living things do and drew pictures to go with our scientific vocabulary to help us to remember new words and what they mean. We have also used playdough to make words with tricky spellings which we might want to use in our writing and we hope that seeing them with a picture to show what they mean will help them to stick in our minds. We have been outside to use our senses to make observations about the world around us and describe what we can see, hear, smell and touch (but not taste!). A fun and busy week of learning.



Message from GWPG

We're the George White Parents and Carers Group. A huge and warm welcome to all the new parents this term. We're here to build connections and community with parents, carers and the school and staff for better care and outcomes of our children.

Our next meeting is **SUNDAY 24th September at 4:30pm** in the Garden room at the Stanley Pub on Knowsley Road. **We'd love to see you there, just turn up!**

Our school attendance target is 95%

Our attendance certificate for the highest class attendance this week goes to

5 Ho-Yen With **99 % Well done**

Attendance Matters



Every Day Counts....