



## NEWSLETTER – Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October 2023

Last Friday we opened our classroom doors at the end of the day for parents to come in to school to find out more about the learning taking place. It was lovely to see so many parents in and around school. The children were so excited to show their books. We now cannot wait for our next open classroom event on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October from 3:20pm. This will be a wonderful way to celebrate together, the end of our first half term of the year.

This week saw our first morning read which took place on Tuesday from 8:40-9:00. Thank you to all parents who managed to pop in and read a story with their child, this was a very successful event. We now look forward to our next morning read on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> November.

Thank you to those parents who attended the parents forum on Wednesday. It would be lovely to see more parents at our next session on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> November from 2:30pm. This is an opportunity to find out more about the school priorities and ideas and suggestions for future events and plans as well as ask any questions you may have.

On Thursday, teachers met after school to look at writing across the school. It was wonderful to see how writing has developed. The quality of what children are writing is high and the feedback from teachers on the texts read so far this term has been so positive. We are delighted with how our 'Write Stuff' writing scheme is having such an impact on the children's writing and their engagement in writing.

Homework - if you have any homework questions or worries, please speak to your child's class teacher.

Our parents evening booking system goes live on Weduc today at 6pm. Our parents evening dates are Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October from 3:30pm to 5pm and Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> November from 3:30pm to 7pm.



### OUR LEARNING THIS WEEK

#### YEAR 3

Year 3 have been consolidating their learning of place value this week in Maths, ending the week with a place value scavenger hunt!

In English children have been learning what the different shape symbols mean when writing a non-chronological report. Some pupils even learned a catchy song to help remember the order. We are very excited to begin writing our reports!

This week our learning has been about nutrition, and what is a healthy and balanced diet. We made healthy food plates in order to see this and learned to sort different foods into their groups. As part of the BIG question in our Geography unit, 'What makes Norwich unique?', some of us walked to Bridewell Museum to learn more about the history of Norwich. Miss Potter's class will be visiting the museum on Tuesday. Overall, another super busy week which has flown by.



## YEAR 4

Year 4 have been writing their stories in English based around the book 'Bike Boy'. They have amazing ideas about what they plan to do in later life. We have included some writing below.

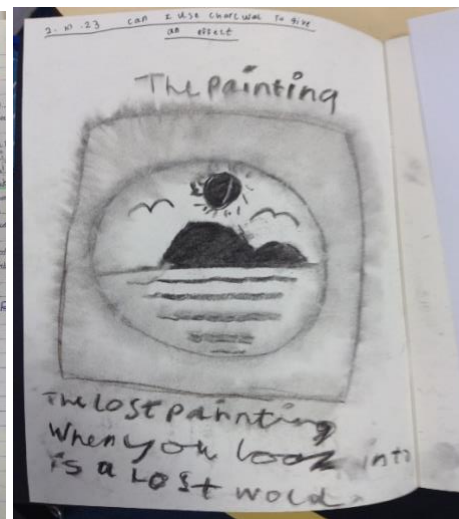
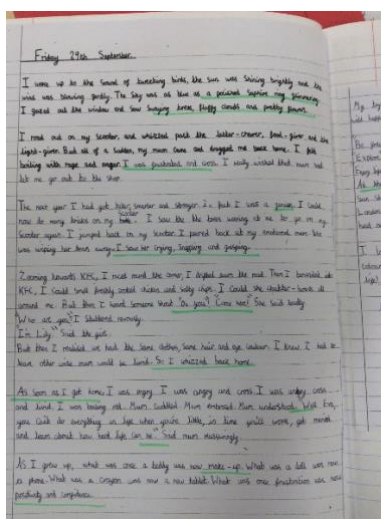
In Maths, we have begun our new unit on addition and subtraction.

In Science, we are studying the different parts of the digestive system and we will be showing what goes on in our stomachs to food we have eaten.

In Geography, we looked at the benefits of the Hoover dam in providing electricity for 1.3 million people.

In PSHE we have been discussing friendships and how to pay each other compliments. In Art we are using charcoal in our sketchbooks.

In PE we are playing competitive basketball games. We have put the library trip in the diary for 3<sup>rd</sup> November.



## YEAR 5

Another productive week in year 5. In our English, we have started a new unit writing persuasive pitches trying to persuade people to stop putting plastic in the oceans. We started by researching plastic pollution and we were all very shocked to find out the scale of the problem.

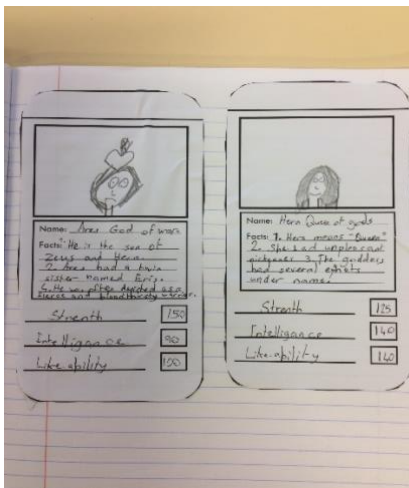
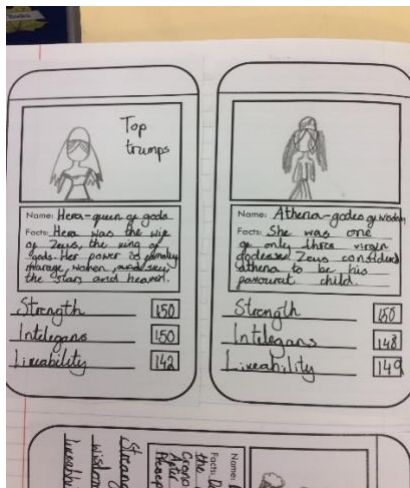
In maths we have begun to use column method for addition and subtraction. We have identified misconceptions and solved problems.

In our foundation subjects we have learnt all about ancient Greek gods and created top trumps for them.

Our science was all about using pulleys and how they made a difficult task easier.

All-in-all a very busy and fun week!





## YEAR 6

In Year 6, we embarked on a fascinating journey into the world of light. We delved deep into the topic of reflections, grasping complex scientific terms such as "angle of incident," "angle of reflection," and "normal." Applying our newfound knowledge, our curious minds unraveled the inner workings of a periscope. A handful of our eager learners even took home instructions and templates to put their expertise to the test.

Tuesday morning we welcomed parents into our classrooms for a special session of shared reading. The children thoroughly enjoyed reading to their parents, and we look forward to the opportunity to do it again next month.

During our foundation subjects, Ness used grids to enlarge images of dogs, showcasing their artistic talents. Palacio explored the importance of secure passwords and the concept of brute force hacking, emphasizing digital literacy and online safety. Morpurgo displayed teamwork and culinary skills, crafting a tasty three-course meal. The menu featured enticing delights such as bagels with cream cheese and salmon, vegetable tarts, and pineapple upside-down cake.

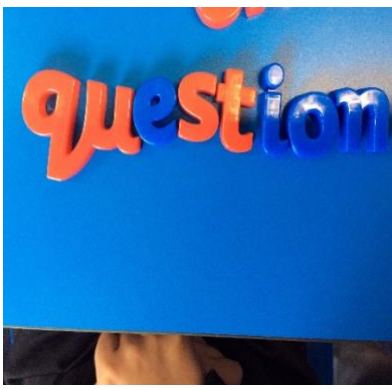


## Blake Class

This week in science, Blake class have been thinking about predictions and how to test these. Knowing what a plant needs to be healthy, we predicted what will happen to each of our cress pots over the next few weeks. One will have sunlight and water, one sunlight but no water, one water but no sunlight, one no sunlight or water. Most of us thought that the cress with sunlight and water will look the healthiest at the end of our experiment - we will let you know!

We have also been trying out different ways to remember spellings of tricky words. We like making them with magnetic or wooden letters as the colours make the letters stand out. Hopefully we will remember these when we come to use them in our writing.

In maths, we have been exchanging in role as shopkeepers, making sure nobody gets short changed! When we think of 10 as £10 we find it easier to remember that it is equivalent to 10 ones. This has helped us with our column addition.



**Our school attendance target is 95%**

Our attendance certificate for the highest class attendance this week

goes to **3 Hughes** With **99 %** Well done!

**Attendance Matters**



**Every Day Counts....**