



## NEWSLETTER – Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2023

We have reached the end of our first week back for this half term and what a busy week it has been.

On Monday, we had a visit from the Music Worldwide Workshop who were in school to work with small groups of Year 4 pupils across the morning. Mrs Thirtle, who arranged this visit, was delighted with how well the children took part and enjoyed this experience.

On Wednesday afternoon, I had the privilege of spending time with Year 6 during their samba music lesson. Wow, what an amazing experience our children across Year 6 are getting from their samba lessons. I am very impressed! I know the children are looking forward to displaying their samba learning later on this month during our music assembly to parents.

This morning I accompanied Year 4 to the library. It was lovely to work with the children on the library quiz that Adam, the librarian had organised. The children had time to browse the books and use their library card to borrow selected books.

Finally, it was lovely to see so many parents at parents this week. Thank you for such positive feedback throughout our parent evenings and for your continued support.



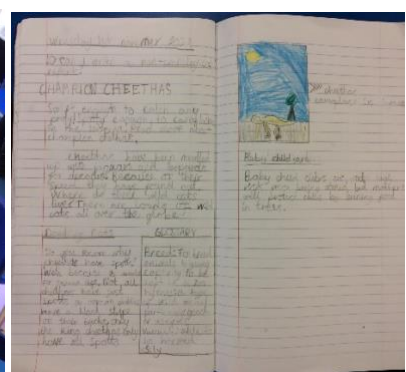
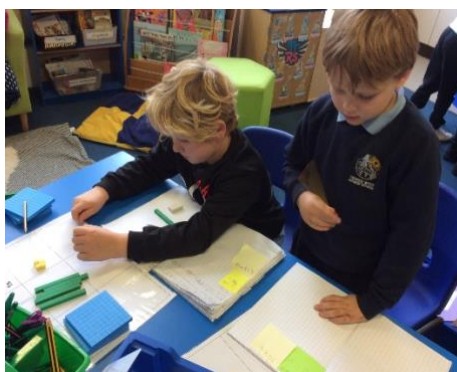
### OUR LEARNING THIS WEEK

#### YEAR 3

This week in Year 3 we have been learning to add and subtract ones across a ten. We have been using Base 10 to practise exchanging (ten ones for one ten). On Thursday we pretended to be the Base 10 pieces and used our bodies to subtract!

In English we have been writing our own non-chronological reports. The children each chose an animal to research. They have to make sure that they include the features of non-chronological reports in their writing - a hook, an introduction, facts, a glossary, headings and subheadings. In creating a glossary, the children worked hard on perfecting their dictionary skills.

In Science we have started our unit on rocks and soils. We have found out about naturally occurring and human made rocks. We are going to explore the local area and find how rocks are used. In History we found out what 'prehistory' means and discussed the following question: If nothing was written down in prehistoric times, how do we know what happened?



#### YEAR 4

In English, Year 4 have been studying Shaun Tan's *Lost Thing*. Shaun Tan books have wonderful illustrations. This story is about the journey of a Lost mechanical creature travelling to many amazing worlds. Later on this term, the children will be writing a narrative based on the book. In Maths, we have been looking at addition and subtraction problems and how to check our answers. In Science, we are learning about electricity appliances and safety.

In History, we have begun to learn about Norwich since 1066 and how the city has developed through the ages.

In PSHE we have been learning about what it means to be in a community and children have shared information about the communities they are involved in.

In PE we are developing our football skills.



#### YEAR 5

A great week back in year 5. In English we have been finding out about non-chronological reports. We watched a David Attenborough programme all about penguins to give us some ideas of what to write about. We all found this very emotional and we were very relieved when a penguin chick escaped out of a ravine it had fallen into. After this we did some drama re-enacting a penguin's life cycle.

In maths we have begun a new unit on multiplication and division. We have learnt about multiples, common multiples, factors, common factors and prime numbers.

Our new Geography unit is all about how our country and county is changing, and in science we are learning about properties and changes of materials.



#### YEAR 6

Well, it's been another busy week for Year 6! We have been tackling some challenging division problems using long and short division methods in maths. In English we started reading a modern version of *Hansel and Gretel* by Neil Gaiman. We have performed some drama around this, exploring the woods and the witch's gingerbread cottage. In science we started learning about the circulatory system and enjoyed creating diagrams of all the components that make up this amazing part of our bodies. In history we explored the beginning of the British Empire and where it sits in the timeline of British history. PE has been exciting too as we have learnt some new





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