



## NEWSLETTER – Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2023

This week we held our third parent and carer morning read. Thank you to all parents and carers who were able to come into school to share a book with their child on Tuesday, this is proving to be a very positive event, which the children really enjoy.

Mr Tame was busy last week building a bespoke Lego table and Lego shelving racks in our shelter, which you may have already seen. The children absolutely love this new area of school, which is proving to be very popular at playtimes and lunchtimes. Thank you also to Mrs Thirtle for her vision for this area.

Please can children bring in healthy snacks and food at lunchtimes. We are seeing some children consuming sweets during playtimes and we have seen sweets in some lunchboxes too.

We are looking forward to welcoming parents and carers into school next week for the start of our Year 3 and Year 6 sing assemblies.



### OUR LEARNING THIS WEEK

#### YEAR 3

In English this week we have been writing complex sentences including synonyms and alliteration. We have described our character sitting by a Stone Age family's fire eating a delicious stew. We have also used time adverbials and specific verbs to explain what all the members of the family were engaged in the following day: striking flint, lighting a fire, skinning deer, sharpening spears etc.

In Maths we have been learning to subtract two numbers across a ten and subtract two numbers across a 100 using column addition. There are many stages to remember involving exchanges of 100s for 10s or 10s for 1s. We have worked very hard to make sure that we complete each stage in our column additions to get the correct solution!

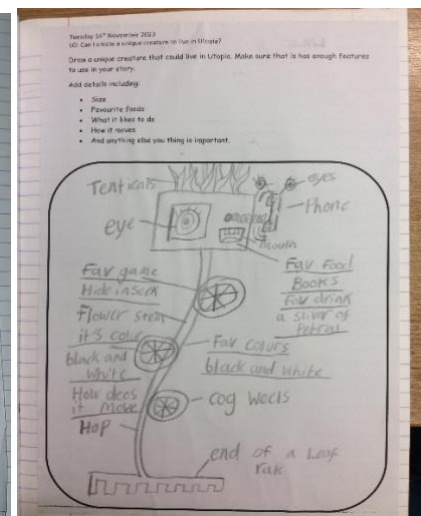
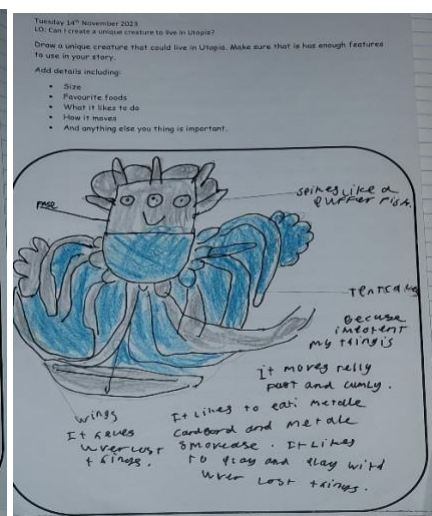
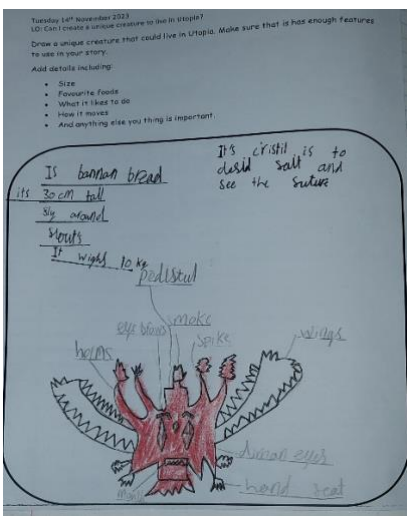
In History we have reviewed the periods that make up the Stone Age and have been comparing the Paleolithic and Mesolithic periods. We have found out about the changes in tool making, the domestication of wolves and hunting techniques. It is less than one month until our Stone Age survival day!

In Science we set up experiments to test the permeability and erosion of rocks. We then had to evaluate our findings. As one child put it: "You really shouldn't make your house out of pumice or chalk, it is very permeable and would just erode away!"



#### YEAR 4

A busy week in year 4. In maths we have just started a new unit on multiplication and division. We have learnt times table facts for the 3 and 6 times tables and used these facts to multiply and divide numbers. We have learnt about multiples and have been practicing our arithmetic. In English we have continued to write sentences based on 'The Lost Thing' by Shaun Tan and on Tuesday we designed our own 'Lost Things' in preparation for writing our own stories. In Science we are learning about electricity. On Thursday we created electrical circuits and learnt what 'conductor' and 'insulator' means when experimenting to make a bulb light up. We are enjoying practicing our songs for our year group sing assembly which we can't wait to share with parents and carers on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> November at 2:45pm.



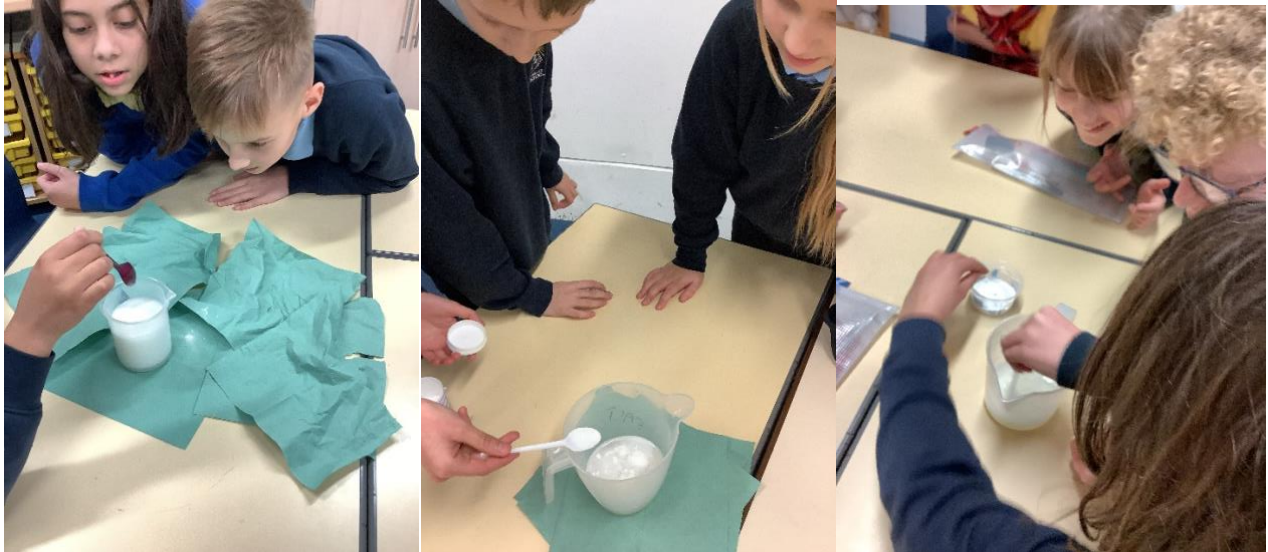
## YEAR 5

Another excellent week in year 5. In English we have finished our sentence stacking work on penguins and have begun to research Polar Bears in preparation for our independent write. We have learnt all about puns, captions, subordinating conjunctions and much more during the course of this writing unit.

In maths we finished our work on multiplication and division and have begun to learn all about fractions and decimals. We have focussed on unit fractions, non-unit fractions and equivalent fractions.

We have continued to learn about the local area in Geography and have learnt all about the different ways in which Norwich provides for the people who live in the community.

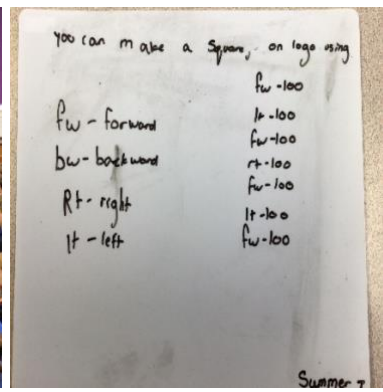
In science, we carried out an experiment using lemon juice, water, sugar and baking soda. We were all very excited when a reaction happened, and a new substance was formed.



## YEAR 6

We have had another lovely week this week. We can't believe we are halfway through November already! In English this week, we wrote our independent write based on the traditional tale Hansel and Gretel. We then edited our short stories to make our writing even better. In maths, we started our unit on fractions. We specifically focused on simplifying, finding equivalents, and comparing and ordering based on the denominators and the numerators. Throughout the week, we have been practicing our songs ready to perform to parents on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November. The children sound beautiful! On Monday, we had a guest speaker come in from Norwich Central Mosque to talk to us about Islam. It was such a fascinating talk, and the children asked some fantastic questions. Also, we learnt about the function of the blood in science, and we wrote a diary entry from a red blood cell to help us explain the route blood takes through the circulatory system. Tuesday afternoon consisted of preparing to make a sculpture for next week's art lesson, and we looked at nested loops in computing. On Wednesday, we continued to learn about sports in French, to practice gymnastics in PE, and continued our Samba journey. In History, we learnt about why the creation of the British Empire was not always covered in glory. We continued to learn about changes in puberty during PSHE. To end the week, we continued to improve our football skills in PE. We hope the children have a calm and relaxing weekend.





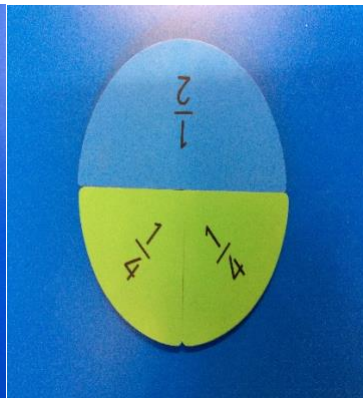
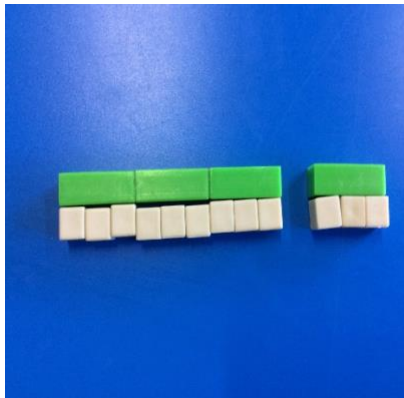
### Blake Class

Blake class have worked incredibly hard this week! In English, we have been identifying features of a non-chronological report and researching for our own reports on rainforest animals. We have written our subheadings as questions to draw the reader in.

In maths, we have moved on to fractions. We have looked at equivalent fractions of shape and number and used concrete materials to see these. This has really helped when we come to working in our books.

In Geography, we have been thinking about the layers of the rainforest. We came up with actions to help us to remember the name of each layer and looked at which animals live where and why. We revisited our new learning of words such as Equator, Northern and Southern Hemisphere and the tropics. Children remembered the new vocabulary really well and have marked these lines of latitude on a map.

In computing, children are learning about slide transition in PowerPoint and are having fun exploring all the effects!



**Our school attendance target is 95%**

Our attendance certificate for the highest class attendance this week goes **4 Pullman & 5 Almond** to With **97%. Well done!**

**Attendance Matters**



**Every Day Counts....**