

NEWSLETTER – Friday 24th November 2023

Thank you to those parents and carers who were able to join us in school on Monday and Wednesday afternoon for our singing assemblies. It was lovely to see so many parents and carers in school once again. It is important our children have the experience of performing in front of an audience to develop their confidence and show their talents. I would like to say a huge thank you to Mrs Thirtle for organising our singing assemblies and leading music across the school.

Christmas Fair 2023

We are pleased to announce our Christmas Fair is taking place on Thursday 14th December from 3:20pm.

We are renting stall tables at £5 per table and all businesses are welcome, please contact the school office if you wish to hire a table.

To support our Christmas Fair, we are holding a **Non School uniform day on Friday 1**st **December**. This is an opportunity for children to come to school in non-school uniform, and pay in Chocolate to go towards the school chocolate raffle.



OUR LEARNING THIS WEEK

YEAR 3

Year 3 have been busy planning their stone age adventure stories this week which they will be independently writing on Friday - we have heard some wonderful ideas and cannot wait to read them!

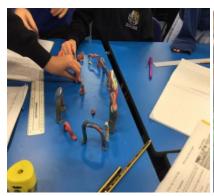
In maths they have been continuing to practise adding and subtracting using the column method and learning that they only expand if they have to exchange. Base 10 has been really useful to help understand this method.

This week in Science YR3 used their knowledge of rocks so far to create an informative poster and have been finishing their 3D castles in DT.

History has involved learning about the Neolithic period of the stone age and then we learnt about Stonehenge and how it was but in the late Neolithic period. YR3 worked in groups to recreate the monument out of plasticene. It was a 'mammoth' task but they made it look like a breeze.

Not to forget that Year 3 performed their singing in front of some of their adults on Monday. I was really impressed and thank you Mrs. Thirtle for organising this!

Overall a busy week with lots of changes. A huge well done to all pupils for adapting this week and being super stars in the process.



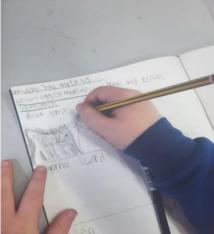




YEAR 4

The children in year 4 have been very helpful showing their supply teachers how well they learn and how amazing they are. There have been some changes this week as class teachers have not been in school but the children's learning and hard work has not slowed! In English, we have planned and written our independent stories based on the book 'The Lost Thing.' In maths, we have been practising our times table knowledge, focussing on 3,6,9 and 7 times table facts. We are becoming very quick at answering times tables questions. In History, we have learnt about the history of Norwich castle. In science, we have continued with our learning about electricity and circuits and practically experimented with using different conductors and insulators.







YEAR 5

A great week in year 5. During our maths lessons we have all worked really hard learning about equivalent fractions and converting improper fractions to mixed numbers and vice versa. In English, we have written our non-chronological reports all about polar bears and are ready to create amazing finished copies.

Our geography this week was all about how tourism has had an impact upon Norfolk and in Science we learnt about reversible and irreversible reactions.

All the children are very excited about going to Happisburgh on Tuesday and learning all about how the coast is changing.







YEAR 6

This week Year 6 have had a busy time particularly in maths. We have been pushing our learning further with fractions and have been simplifying, adding and subtracting them. We have been very impressed with the way Year 6 have shown such resilience when tackling some tricky fractions problems. In English we have started our new newspaper report unit, where we are writing a report on the very naughty Goldilocks! We have had a fun week hot seating Goldilocks and Baby Bear and producing some excellent punny headlines about Goldilocks' crimes! In art we completed our structures based on the work by Lubaina Himid - they are looking beautiful! In PE we have continued work in gymnastics and football skills. History has been all about India's relationship with the British Empire.







Blake Class

This week in Blake Class, we have been continuing our work on non-chronological reports. Children have researched rainforest animals and started thinking of sub-headings for information. It has been great to see children watching videos, reading books, looking at websites and using Immersive Reader to find out about their animals.

In maths, we have used concrete apparatus to help us to identify equivalent fractions. It is much easier to recognise them when we make them ourselves!

In Art, children looked at the work of Gustav Klimt and used gold pens to create a piece of work in a similar style.

As we are learning about the Amazon Rainforest, this week we have learned about the causes of deforestation. We thought about the impact on people and animals living in the rainforest as well as the plants which grow there. We learnt about what organisations are doing to try to reduce the impact of deforestation and make the world safer for future generations.



Our school attendance target is 95%

Our attendance certificate for the highest class attendance this week goes to **4 Tan** with **98%. Well done!**

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