



NEWSLETTER – Friday 8th December 2023

This week has been another busy one and it is beginning to feel a lot like Christmas in and around school. It was lovely seeing so many children and staff wearing their Christmas jumpers in school yesterday. We look forward to seeing them again on Wednesday for our annual Christmas lunch. Thank you to all families who donated chocolates and gifts for our Christmas fair hampers, these look amazing!

On Tuesday, we had one of our parents in school all day delivering an end of History unit to all children in Year 4. The children had a fantastic day consolidating their learning about the history of Norwich. A huge thank you to Mrs Griffith for your time and support on Tuesday.

On Wednesday Mrs Thirtle and Mrs Todd took a group of 10 children to Taverham High School for a day of anti-bullying ambassador training led by the Diana Project. The feedback from the day has been extremely positive with some great ideas and suggestions, which the school is looking to implement from next term. Ideas include adding the three signs of bullying to our restorative approach conversation scripts and written into our relationship and behaviour policy as well as a mapping frequent whole school assemblies led by our anti-bullying ambassadors.

On Thursday, children in Year 3 had a fantastic day at the Time and Tide Museum linked to their learning this half term. Yesterday and today the NSPCC are in school delivering their 'Speak Out Stay Safe' programme for all children across Year 5 and 6. Thank you to Mrs Waller for organising this.

You many have noticed there have been some works happening on the playground this week. Mr Tame is busy building two bespoke mud kitchens for the school. These will be completed and ready for the children to use from the start of next term. In addition to this, we have now ordered two new bike sheds and a scooter shed. We are hoping these will arrive very soon so we can dismantle our current bike shed and replace this with two new ones.

Parent Forum

For those parents who would like to know more about the purpose of our half termly Parent Forum group please find below a brief overview.

Our Parent Forum is a chance to meet Mrs Petchey and the senior leadership regularly and openly, each half term over tea and biscuits.

The forum is an informal space, to improve communication and help to create the best learning environment we can for our children.

Concerns and advice about individual children are best taken up with class teachers. If there are barriers to this do get in touch.

The forum is intended to be a friendly space to increase communication, raise questions, concerns and explore positive ways the school is and can improve.



OUR LEARNING THIS WEEK

YEAR 3

This week in Year 3 has been full of change and excitement. The children have settled marvelously into their new class groups and are working really well together. We have also been on our trip to the Time and Tide Museum to take part in a Stone Age survival day. The children have used all the information they have learnt over this half term to survive!

In Maths we have learnt about equal groups and how to use arrays to represent multiplication calculations as well as solve them. We have had some interesting discussions about counting columns and rows! We have also investigated multiples of 2, 5 and 10. We will continue working on multiplication and then division over the next couple of weeks.

In English we have started writing our persuasive texts. We are currently focussing on the Neolithic village of Skara Brae. We have used rhetorical questions and direct address to make our writing more interesting to the reader. The descriptions the children wrote of eye-catching views and spectacular beaches were beautiful.

In Science we have found out about how fossils are formed. We then made cast and mold fossils using plasticine and potters' plaster. We have started to take our fossils out of the molds and are very pleased with the results.



YEAR 4

This week, year 4 took part in a history experience workshop linking to our learning about local history. During the workshop we tasted chocolate, built a medieval cathedral using wooden blocks, created a piece of art work linking to Mousehold and practiced weaving like the Strangers. Back in the classroom, we looked at why our school is named after George White. In DT, we designed and created our own pop-up winter themed cards. We have continued our electricity topic in science, thinking about where we get our electricity from and whether the sources are renewable or non-renewable.

In Maths we finished our topic on multiplication and we have now started to consolidate our learning from the last term, which included a scavenger hunt around the classroom.



YEAR 5

A great week in year 5. We had a lot of fun on Wednesday learning all about burning and how it is an irreversible reaction. We all went into the garden and watched a fire before toasting marshmallows and noticing what happens to them when they burn.

In our Geography this week we wrote a recount of our trip to Happisburgh, writing about what we noticed and learnt.

We have continued our work on fractions this week and have spent some time finding common denominators before using this knowledge to add and subtract fractions with different denominators.

In our English we have continued to work on our sentences based on the snowman. We have been really creative writing amazing sentences and using lots of descriptive language.



YEAR 6

We have had such a lovely week in Y6! We have been writing and editing our newspaper reports based on the Evil Queen and Snow White. In maths, we have been tackling yet more tricky fractions problems and proving to be fractions wizards! Such amazing perseverance has been shown in these lessons.

For DT we baked gingerbread bears or bear pizzas - and they turned out great! They tasted lovely too.

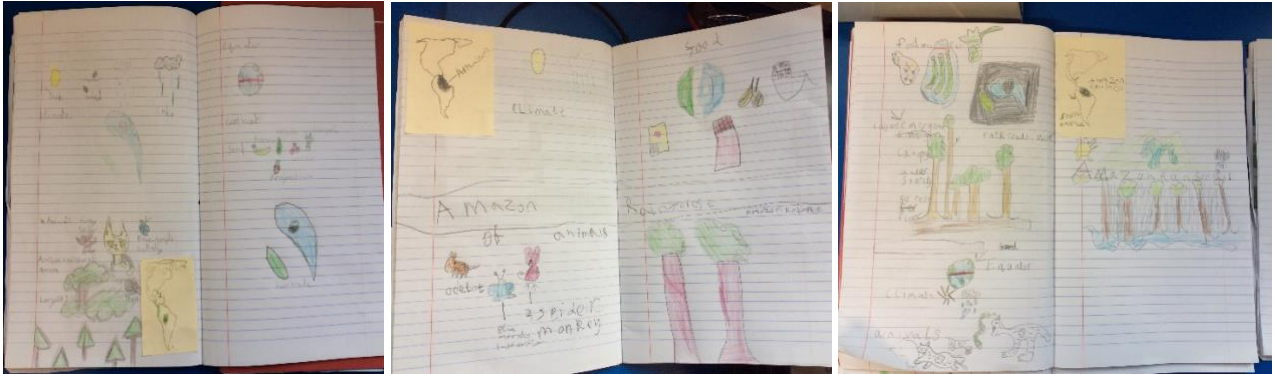
In history we learnt about Windrush and our key figure from this period in history was Sam Beaver King MBE.

In PE we had a fitness lesson and football on Friday - the children's football skills are definitely improving - we could give NCFE a run for their money!

Well done on such a fabulous week Year 6!



Having reached the end of our Amazon Rainforest topic, children in Blake Class each produced a double page spread showing what they have learned about food, animals, climate and layers of the rainforest. We were really impressed by the use of key vocabulary and the way everyone labelled their diagrams. When we talked about our work with each other, it was clear how much children know about the Amazon Rainforest. Next week, we will finish our non-chronological reports on our chosen rainforest animals and in computing, we are going to complete our PowerPoint Presentations about our animals which will show the skills we have been learning - adding new slides, importing pictures, choosing transitions and making our presentations interesting for anyone who sees them.



Our school attendance target is 95%

Our attendance certificate for the highest class attendance this week goes to **6 Ness** with **96% . Well done!**

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