



## NEWSLETTER – Friday 19<sup>th</sup> January 2024

Thank you to those parents who offered their time by coming in to school at the end of the day on Wednesday to support with the revamp of our school library. What a productive hour! Lots of our non-fiction books are now sorted. As you can see from the pictures below, the library is already looking a much more inviting space.



### Aspirations Week

From **Monday 12<sup>th</sup> February**, we are hosting our second Aspirations Week of the year. We are looking to invite as many visitors as possible in to school throughout the week to talk to the children about their job, roles, experiences and career path in order to increase aspirations. Talks can be given in small groups, within a class or year group setting, or as a whole school. We would really appreciate any offers of support throughout this week to get the children as inspired as possible.

### Supporting our local community

Some of our children belong to the 35<sup>th</sup> Sea Scouts who have their base on Mousehold Avenue. They are organising a table sale on the **27<sup>th</sup> January** to raise money for an important event called NORJAM in 2025.

NORJAM is a week-long camp between August 9<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> 2025 that brings together Scouts and Guides from around the world at the Norfolk Showground. More information can be found linked <https://www.norjam.org.uk/about/>

**Scouts**   
**Table Top Sale**

Join us on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2024  
for a table top sale at  
35<sup>th</sup> Norwich Sea Scouts HQ  
66 Mousehold Avenue  
Norwich  
NR3 4RS  
11.00 am – 14.30 pm  
There will also be tea, coffee, squash, tombola and lucky dip.  
Small donation on entry

An opportunity to raise money for 35<sup>th</sup> Norwich Sea Scouts

If you are having a post Christmas clear out please consider donating items for us to sell at this event.

To donate items please drop at Beavers, Cubs or Scouts or email [asi35thnorwichseascouts@yahoo.com](mailto:asi35thnorwichseascouts@yahoo.com) to arrange a drop off time.

# Colder weather

The weather is now very cold. Please can you ensure your child brings a winter coat to wear at school.



## OUR LEARNING THIS WEEK

### YEAR 3

We have had a very exciting day in Year 3 this week finding out about the ancient Egyptian civilisation. We mummified some Pharaohs (tomatoes) - removing their organs was both fascinating and repulsive. We filled their bodies with natron (salt) and packed them with straw and mud (cotton wool). Then we had to bind them in linen (toilet roll) and place them in their tombs (on top of the radiator)! We have also made canopic jars to place the organs in. The Year 3 entrance corridor is now a tomb, complete with murals of wailing people, all the things the pharaoh will need in the afterlife, hieroglyphs and animal sacrifice. You will have been able to admire the expensive collar your child brought home which shows just how rich and important they were in ancient Egypt. In Maths we have continued to link multiplication and division. We are now beginning to divide a two-digit number by a one-digit number. Next, we will be dividing with flexible partitioning: 51 divided by 3 - 51 can be flexibly partitioned into 30 and 21 as these are both multiples of 3. In English we starting to write an explanation text about what we would find under the ground. We will be using a model text and reviewing what happens in each layer of soil or rock. In Science we performed an experiment to see how much force is needed on different surfaces. We understand that friction occurs when two surfaces rub together and works in the opposite direction to the pushing or pulling force which started the movement.



### YEAR 4

This week YR4 have been learning to used related facts in order to multiply 2 digit numbers by 1 digit, they have then used partitioning to solve multiplication calculations. We will continue to practise this next week so every child is confident.

We have come to the end of share writing The River poem and are now thinking of planning our own water poem in a similar style.

It was lovely to see children having loads of fun in Geography as they worked together collaboratively, making 3-D river models. YR3 and Mrs Stolworthy came to see them and the teachers were very impressed with how YR4 explained the river's journey from source to mouth. In French we have begun to learn the days of the week and are practising saying the date in French every morning.

Finally, we started our new Art unit - exploring still life. YR4 learnt about Paul Cezanne and used felt tip pens to quick sketch fruit, thinking about line, colour and composition.

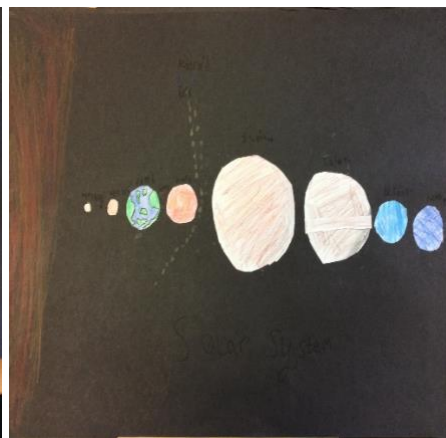


## YEAR 5

A busy week this week with lots of excellent learning. In maths, we have continued to work on multiplying. We learnt how to multiply 3- and 4-digit numbers by a 2-digit number using the expanded method. Some of us were so confident, that we even learnt how to do this using the compact method too. Later in the week we learnt how to use the 'bus stop' method to divide 3 and 4 digit numbers and we have been amazing at this!!

In English, we finished our sentence stacking and have planned and begun to write our adventure stories based on Cosmic. We had a lot of fun thinking about the crazy adventures that the characters could go on.

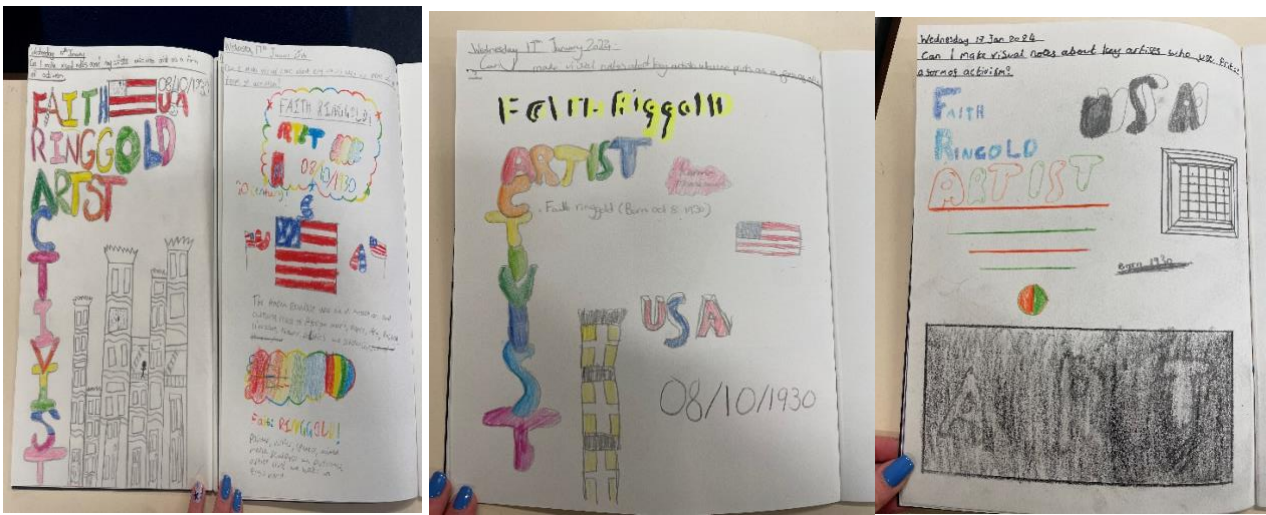
In our foundation subjects we learnt all about Henry VIII and his wives in history and wrote a newspaper report about it. In science we had an online interactive workshop all about space and the planets and created mnemonics and artwork showing the planets on order.



## YEAR 6

This week has been full of wonderful things! In English, we continued our sentence stacking for our dystopian adventure story. We also had an experience day where we learnt all about tigers and how they are an endangered species. In maths, we have been adding, subtracting and multiplying decimals before moving onto dividing decimals. In science, we began looking at inheritance and variation. We thought deeply about the characteristics we inherited from our family members. On Tuesday, we continued to learn Samba in music, football in French and dance in PE. On Wednesday, we created beautiful visual notes on the activist and artist, Faith Ringgold. We also learnt about worry and strategies to help us when we are worried in PSHE. On Thursday, we learnt about the location of the Amazon rainforest in geography. In computing, we learnt how infrared waves transmit data. To the end the week, we learnt about healthy eating in PSHE and we continued refining our rugby skills in PE. We hope everyone has a wonderful weekend ready for mock SATs week next week!



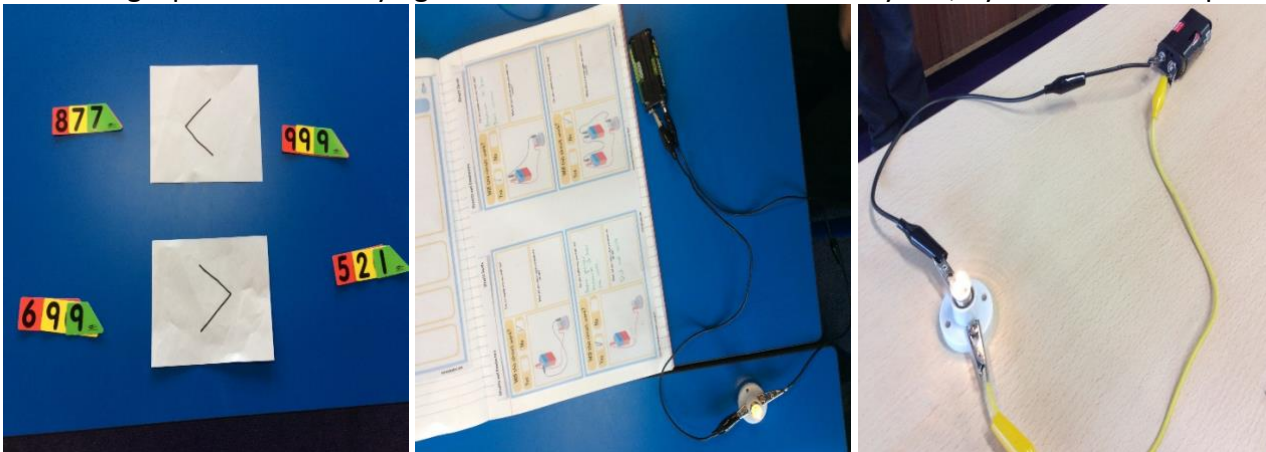


### Blake Class

This week, Blake Class have been learning about and comparing length. To help with this, we reminded ourselves about the 'greater than' and 'less than' symbols and challenged each other to use the correct symbol and then say the number sentence. Great use of maths vocabulary all round!

In science, we continued with our work on circuits and conductors. We predicted whether circuits would work and then tested them. Some of our predictions were correct and if they weren't, we talked about why.

In English, we have been working on a list poem using descriptive phrases for illustrations through our book, 'Leon and the Place Between'. We understand the importance of orally rehearsing a poem before saying it and how it links to music with rhythm, dynamics and tempo.



**Our school attendance target is 95%**

Our attendance certificate for the highest class attendance this week goes to **6 Ness** with **98 %**. **Well done!**

**Attendance Matters**

