



NEWSLETTER – Friday 19th April 2024

It was lovely welcoming the children back to school on Monday. We have already had such a busy start to the term and a great start first week back. Yesterday a small group of pupils in Year 3 took part in a Maths Challenge morning at Norwich School, where they competed against other schools in and around Norwich. The children were amazing and did a fantastic job of representing our school. Yesterday also saw Year 5 heading off for the day to Gressenhall. It was lovely to see so many children dressed up as WWII evacuees. A huge thank you to parents and carers for getting children evacuee ready! The trip was a huge success, what a great start to their learning this term.

This week, you may have seen a new green gate installed at the top of the playground ramp. This has been added to our playground over the Easter holiday to support our playtimes, as the gate is there to stop balls and other equipment from rolling down to the bottom of the ramp.

A message from Miss Butterfant

As the school Science leader, I am hoping to run a **STEM Lego club** after half-term. However, I need your help! If you have any Lego at home that you no longer use, please could you consider donating some of this to the school for the children to use. Any donations will be greatly appreciated. Please can any donations be brought to the school office. Thank you!



OUR LEARNING THIS WEEK

YEAR 3

Welcome back Year 3 families! What a lovely week we have all had.

In Science we have started learning about plants. We are working our way up flowering plants beginning with the function of the roots. We have made some beautiful flowering plants that have the main parts - roots, stem,

leaves, flower(s) using collage and paint. We have also placed some beans on damp cotton wool in bags so that we can observe as they germinate and see the roots growing first.

In Maths we have now come to the end of our unit on measure. This week we have found out about volume, capacity and measuring in l and ml. We finished by making potions using ml in which the ingredients had to come to a total of 1l (which we *know* is equivalent to 1000ml!). We will be continuing our learning around fractions next.

In English we are beginning to write our narrative based on 'The Incredible Book Eating Boy'. Henry had clearly been in class taking bites out of some of our books... We have been working on punctuation and have explored comparatives and superlatives eg: big, bigger, biggest.

In Geography we have begun to find out about mountains. We have used atlases to find the seven summits and which mountain ranges some of them are part of. We will also be finding out about Junko Tabei.

On the 16th of May we will be visiting NWT Hickling Broad for a range of activities related to our Science learning. If any Y3 adults would like to join us, please do let us know as we need two additional adults supporting this trip.



YEAR 4

This week Yr4 have started their new English writing unit on biographies. They explored different features and then learnt more about who Nikola Tesla was. Yr 4 even explored electrons using balloons! The book that will be inspiring their writing is called '*A Life Electric. The Story of Nikola Tesla.*' Written by Azadeh Westergaard and illustrated by Julia Sarda.

In maths pupils have learnt to add fractions within a whole and beyond a whole number. They have represented their calculations using fraction bars and part whole models.

Our new topic in Science is all about living things and their habitats. Yr4 began to explore the school grounds in order to compare different habitats, however, due to the interchangeable weather we had to write and draw different habitats on to a map of our school grounds instead! Hopefully, we can continue our outdoor learning when weather permits!

We started our geography work this term with a bang, quite literally! Yr 4 made their very own volcanoes.



YEAR 5

An excellent first week back in year 5. In our English lessons we have begun our new unit which is writing stories based upon *Rose Blanche* by Ian McEwan. This book has led really well into our

History, where on Thursday we had an amazing trip to Gressenhall Museum, where we spent the day being evacuees. When we got there, we were greeted by a World War 2 housewife, a land girl, an ARP warden and a home guard captain. We learnt all about rationing and how people were surprised that people were only allowed 1 egg a week and a bar of chocolate had to last for a whole month! We found out how people were very creative with their cooking ideas and made chocolate truffles out of potato, sugar and cocoa powder. We learnt about the Women's land army and how vital they were to the war effort, and we also practiced what to do during an air raid and spent some time in an Anderson shelter. The final thing we learnt about was about the home guard. We practiced bayonetting enemies and learnt all about who the home guard were and how they helped in the war effort.

In our maths this week we have been learning about angles and have practiced using a protractor.



YEAR 6

It has been a busy first week back for Year 6! In English, we have started writing emotive stories based on Kensuke's Kingdom by Michael Morpurgo. In maths, we have been recapping and revising adding, subtracting and multiplying decimals. Monday afternoon was electric! We experimented with making circuits to see how much we could remember from our learning in Year 4. Tuesday afternoon consisted of fitness in PE, learning about houses in French, and a continuation of Samba in music. On Wednesday, we voted in our new class councillors. In addition, we created a new class charter based on our rights as well as created our helping hands in PSHE. The sunflowers were used to show the rights we selected for our charter. Thursday afternoon was a blast from the past! We compared our local environment now to our local environment in the 1950s. This was such an interesting geography lesson. Finally, on Friday, we created a visual notes page in art based on an artist who specialises in shadow puppets and we practiced relay races in PE.

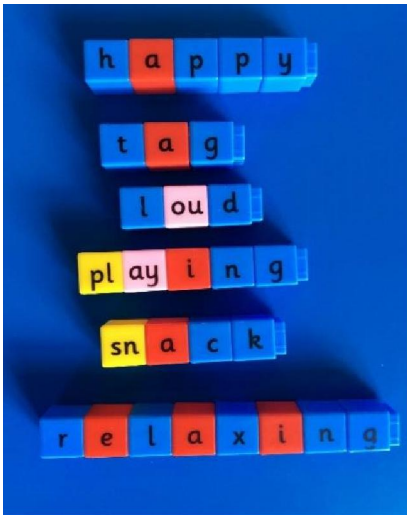


Blake Class

Blake have had a fun and busy week. We have welcomed three new children who have settled well into our routines. To get our brains working and to support our concentration and coordination, we have been using boomwhackers to play along to some of our favourite songs. This takes a lot of focus!

In English, we have started our new class book, 'How the Stars Came to Be' by Poonam Mistry. We used chalk to represent a scene from the story where the child goes to the top of a mountain and places stars into the sky. We have also been looking at space related vocabulary and learning spellings of these new words.

Well done Blake Class, a fantastic first week back!



Our school attendance target is 95%

Our attendance certificate for the highest class attendance this week goes to **3 Blyton with 98 %. Well done!**

Attendance Matters

