NEWSLETTER – Friday 10th May 2024

Our library is looking fantastic! Thank you to those parents who have helped to drive the transformation of this space into such an inviting, calm and organised area of our school.





As year 6 begin their SATS on Monday, the staff at GWJS wanted to wish them the very best of luck for next week. The children have all worked so hard, and the atmosphere in and around Year 6 has been nothing but positive and aspirational. Thank you to our dedicated staff who have helped and supported Year 6 this year. The children are ready, and confident to show, not only what they know but just how amazing they are too! We are so proud of them all.

Once again this year, we are offering our SATS breakfast for all children in Year 6 from Monday to Thursday. Even if your child has had breakfast at home, they are welcome to come into school at 8am to have something more to eat or to just chill and chat with their friends. The playground gates will open at 8am.

We hope you have a lovely weekend.



OUR LEARNING THIS WEEK

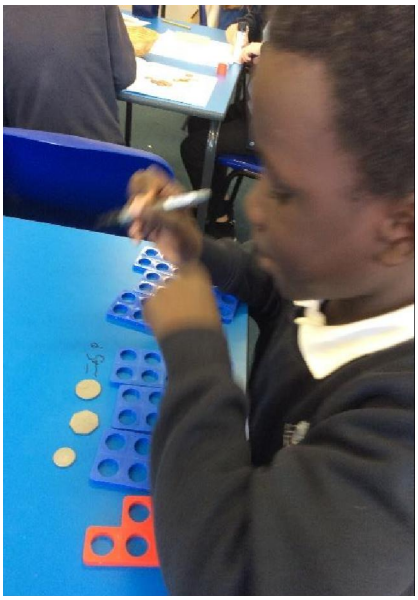
YEAR 3

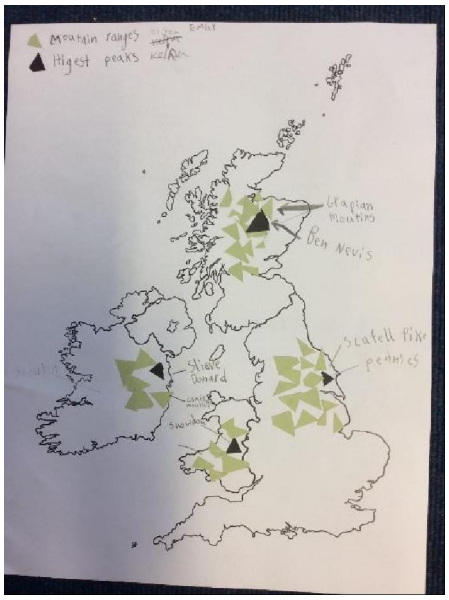
Having moved mountains and found out about the climate, animals and plants on specific mountains we are now mountains of the UK experts! We found out about the mountain chains in each of the four countries that make up the UK and then researched the highest peak in each one. We have created maps with keys to show this.

In English we have finished our independent writing. We have edited our work and are now working on using a dictionary to check spellings independently. Next we will begin a non-fiction unit focussing on letter writing. We are basing this on 'The Gardener' by Sarah Stewart.

In Maths we have been reasoning with fractions of amounts. We have now moved on to our unit on money. We began by checking that we can quickly recognise coins and notes. We will be adding and subtracting pounds and pence as well as making specific given amounts.

In Art we are sketching and designing animals ready to create 3D models. We are working very hard on creating experimental sketches and designs.







YEAR 4

Yr 4 finished writing their biographies this week and have begun exploring fantasy stories. The book which children's writing will be based on is called *'Aladdin and the Enchanted Lamp'* by Philip Pullman. They role played what it would be like to enter a deep, dark cave and made predictions of what the story was about.

We have had great fun this week in maths, learning about decimal tenths and how to represent them in different ways. Making the most of the lovely weather, Yr 4 went outside and drew number lines to show rounding to the nearest whole number.

4 Tan went outside to draw clouds as part of their VIPERS '*Cloud Busting'* lesson and 4 Pullman started a new book called '*Rock Bottom. A Midsummer Nightmare' By Ross Montgomery.*

Our geography learning has involved labelling where some of the most famous volcanoes are located in the world and investigating why most are found in the ring of fire.

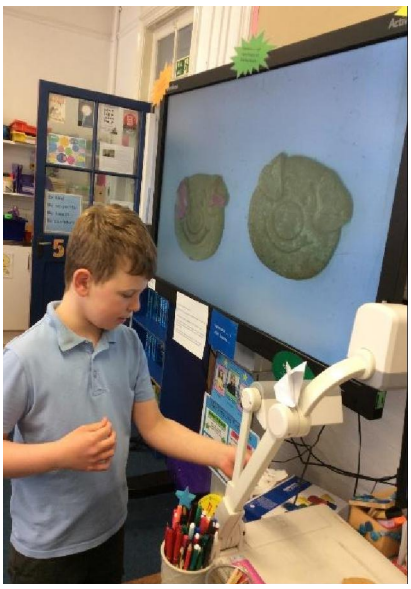
A short but jam-packed week, have a great weekend!

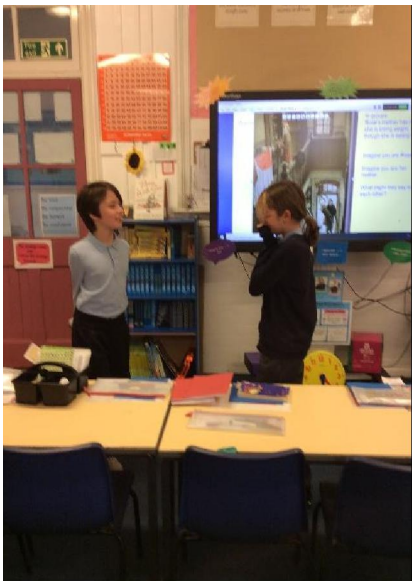




YEAR 5

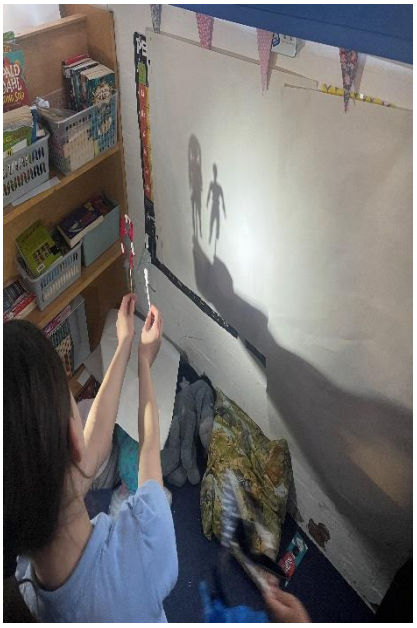
Another amazing week in year 5! We got excited in Art as we became architects, and we designed our dream house. Depends on if you dream big or small....
In English we have written our WW2 stories and we edited them. That was hard work!
Maths in year 5 was all about grids and coordinates, we need to know how to find a treasure on the map. Music was also invigorating since we learn 'the cup song' on the ukulele.
Considering that we try to make our library a bit cozier, we need your help. If you have home any cushions and throws that you don't use anymore we will be very happy to have them.





YEAR 6

It has been a great week here in Year 6! In English, we began looking at writing postcards inspired by fairy tale characters. In math's, we have been revising fractions, decimals and percentages. On Tuesday, we had a PE lesson all about fitness, we continued learning how to play Samba music and we learnt about 'My Family, My House' in French. On Wednesday, we had a big PSHE chat around SATS and our feelings about them. We then wrote a letter of good luck to another member of our class. On Thursday, we recorded our own shadow puppet show using the shadow puppets we created in previous art lessons. Finally, on Friday, we continued learning about our world in the future in geography and we played bench ball in PE. We hope everyone has a calm and relaxing weekend before SATS next week. The children have worked so hard, and we are so proud of them.





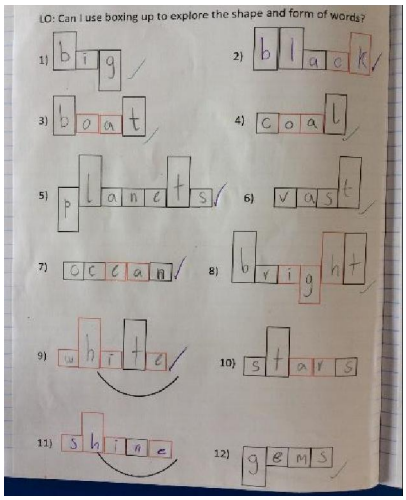
Blake Class

Lots of spelling, reading and writing this week in Blake class! We have been learning about the shape and form of words by boxing them up, using vocabulary such as ascenders and descenders to remind us to form letters accurately in our writing. To help us to remember and visualise tricky words, we have used model of meaning. We made a word, again thinking about accurate letter formation, and did a picture to go with them to show what the word means. We have some of these on display in our classroom to use when we are writing.

We use colourful semantics to help us with building sentences. This week, we looked at some pictures showing lots of different things happening. We had to choose suitable words from each section to construct sentences which make sense.

In RE, we have been learning about creation stories in different religions. There are some differences but lots of similarities. Children have had some very thoughtful and respectful discussion about religion and beliefs.



Our school attendance target is 95%

Our attendance certificate for the highest class attendance this week goes to **4 Tan with 97%. Well done!**

Attendance Matters

Every Day Counts....