George White Junior School Newsletter

Friday 8th November 2024

To all our families,

Welcome to our new look newsletter. We hope you like the new layout.

The new half term has started really well with staff and children busy and excited about the new units being taught this term. In celebration today, the final homework models across Year 3 and 4 were shared. The children have worked extremely hard on creating their designs, talking confidently about their final product in front of a whole school audience. Myself and the staff have been so impressed by the level of detail and the time taken to complete this homework activity. I know the Year 3, 4 and 5 team are planning an opportunity for all parents to come into school to view all models made.

Next week we are taking part in BBC Children in Need. The theme for this year is to *take inspiration from Pudsey and go for yellow and spotty outfits, or choose to side with the Gladiators and go for a superhero style! You can get as creative as you like!*

We hope to raise as much as we can as a school for Children in Need and we ask for a £1 donation. Thank you in advance.

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend!

Mrs. Petchey and the George White Team

This Week's Attendance

We hold a celebration assembly every Friday morning to share and celebrate the children's achievements. During this assembly, we also recognise the class with the highest overall attendance for the week.

Well-done to **5 Almond** this week, for having the highest attendance.

6 Ness: 95%

6 Palacio: 94%

6 Morpurgo: 97%

5 Almond: 98%

5 Johnson: 90%

4 Tan: 97%

4 Pullman: 95%

3 Potter: 92%

3 Blyton: 94%

Whole School: 95%

School Target: 96%



Safeguarding

Designated Safeguarding Leads

Mrs. Petchey, Mrs. Stolworthy, Mrs. Greenwood, Miss Derer, Mrs Burman and Miss Alderton.

These members of staff monitor and manage all safeguarding practices and ensure staff are supported and have the training they need. Please ask to see one of these adults if you are worried about the safety of a child at school.

If you have a safeguarding concern about a child out of school hours, then the number to ring is:

CADS – Children's Advice and Duty Service – 0344 800 8020



Look at what we're learning

Year 3

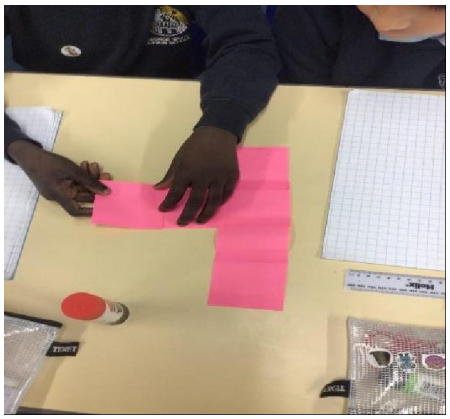
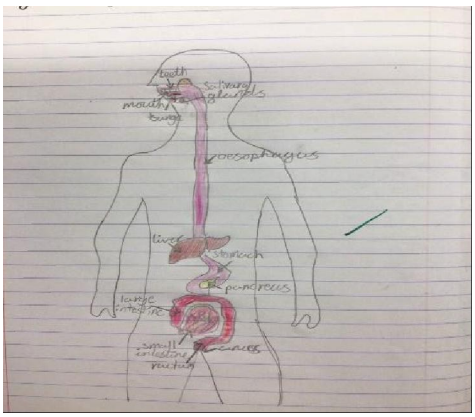
This week we have begun finding out about the Bronze and Iron Ages. We are moving quickly through time! We have found out about how people made tools out of bronze, round houses and hillforts.
In English we have written 5 point stories based on our predictions about 'The Seal Surfer'. We had to make sure to include an opening, a build up, a problem, a resolution and an ending.
In Maths we have been learning to add 1s, 10s and 100s. We created a game with a spinner in which we added and subtracted from our Base 10 buildings according to the instructions shown.

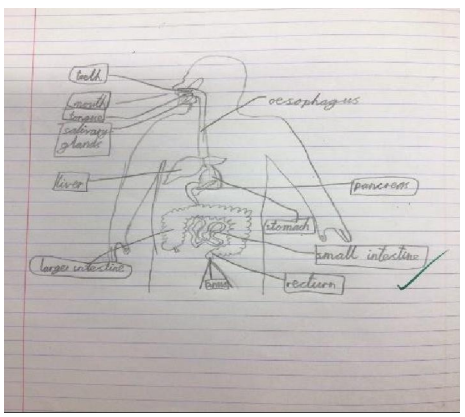





Year 4

A busy first week back in year 4. In our maths learning we have found out all about area. We have measures the area of things in the classroom using post it notes and we have learnt how to measure and create rectilinear shapes by counting squares. We even used our multiplication skills to find out that the area of the classroom is over 8000 post it notes!!
In our English work, we have begun our new writing unit based on Gorilla by Anthony Browne. We have asked questions and made prediction about the main character 'Hannah' by looking at images of her. We have also looked at a poem about gorillas and shared our Gorilla knowledge.
In our Science we have begun our new learning about the human digestive system. We drew and labelled a picture of it and discussed how food is digested as it travels through the body. We were all very surprised to find out that out intestines are over 6.5 metres long!
In History we have finished out unit on the Romans. We have found out how the Romans protected their land by building forts and walls and have learnt how the Roman rule in Britain ended.

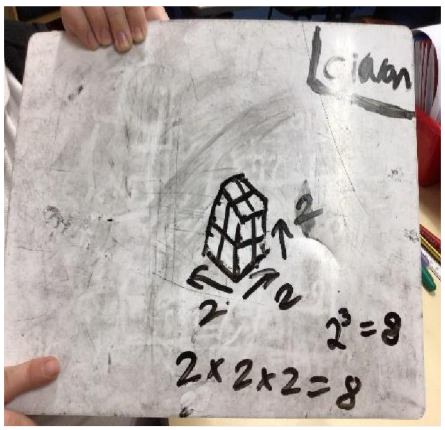



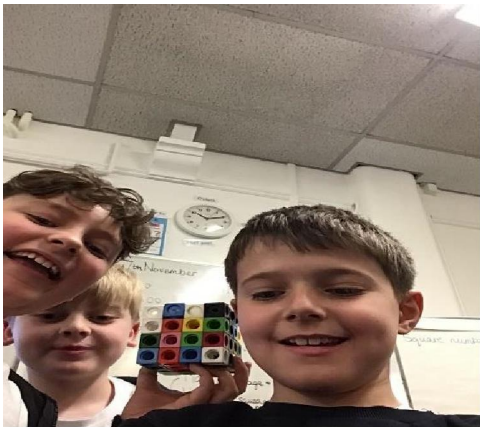


Year 5

Year 5 have settled into a new half term brilliantly. We have started a new Maths topic looking at multiplications and division. We have investigated factors and multiples as well as prime, square and cube numbers. In English we have started a new book called Beowolf. We have made predictions based on the front cover and the chapter titles. We have written our own opening based on another adventure - George and the Dragon. We have been finishing off our History topic on the Anglo Saxons and Vikings. The children have loved our history learning which shows in some of the brilliant homework we have had in. We have begun learning how to play Tage Rugby in PE. The children showed great passing and catching skills as well as good sportsmanship and teamwork.







Year 6

We are thrilled to let you know that Year 6 have started the new half term with great enthusiasm and determination!

In **Maths**, we're diving into fractions, specifically exploring fractions of an amount, and the students are grasping these concepts with confidence and curiosity.

In **English**, we've started a powerful theme – **refugees**. The class has been reflecting on this topic through engaging activities, including writing a tweet inspired by *3,000 Chairs*, which highlights the plight of refugee children denied the right to education. This has led to some deep, empathetic discussions that have truly showcased the pupils' thoughtfulness and compassion.

In **Science**, we've begun a new topic on **Animals and Their Habitats**. The children are already eager to learn about the diversity of animal life and the unique habitats they call home. We look forward to exploring this further with hands-on activities and investigations!

Next week, we'll also be having another round of **SATs practice**. Your support is invaluable, and we appreciate any encouragement and assistance you can give to help the children feel confident and prepared.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. Wishing you a wonderful weekend!







Blake Class

Blake class have had a great first week back after the break. As it was fireworks night, children make artwork to display in class and learnt about Guy Fawkes during the art lesson. We have started our topic on the Amazon Rainforest and enjoyed looking at maps to find where we are in comparison to the rainforests. This learning ties in with our English text, The Great Kapok Tree. We have been working on sentence structure which will help us with our writing for this unit.

Children had fun making chocolate tiffin in cookery this week. They worked well in a group and took turns with measuring, pouring and mixing.

A great start to a new half term Blake class, keep up the good work!







Reminders:

HEALTHY SNACKS



Please can we remind all parents and carers that children are to have only healthy snacks for playtimes. Items such as fruit, rice cakes, bread sticks and cereal bars are great but no crisps or chocolate thank you, these should be kept for lunchboxes. We do not allow sweets in school. We are also a nut free school.



Dates for the Diary 2024/2025

Tuesday 12th November	Open Classrooms for all years from 3.20pm
Wednesday 13th November	Open Morning for Year 3 starting in 2025 from 9-10.30am
Friday 15th November	Children in Need, take inspiration from Pudsey and go for yellow and spotty outfits, or choose to side with the Gladiators and go for a superhero style! You can get as creative as you like!
Tuesday 19th November	Open Morning for Year 3 starting in 2025 from 9-10.30am

Thursday 21st November	Little Medics in school
Friday 22nd November	Little Medics in school
Wednesday 27th November	Flu Vaccination team in school
Thursday 28th November	Year 3 trip to Time & Tide Museum
Thursday 12th December	Christmas Jumper Day
Thursday 12th December	School Christmas Dinner
Thursday 12th December	Christmas Fair from 3.20pm
Wednesday 18th December	Carols around the tree
Friday 20th December	End of term at 3:20pm
Tuesday 7th January	Start of the Spring Term – gates open at 8:30am

Norfolk County Council **2024-2025** Norfolk Model Calendar

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Key : White dates - schools open to pupils
Yellow dates - pupil holiday
Red dates - bank holiday

Five staff training days will be selected from yellow dates, we suggest 2 & 3 September, 25 October, 6 January and 22 April. Some may choose to use twilight hours for staff training instead of some or all of these.

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