George White Junior School Newsletter

Friday 28th February 2025

To all our families,

It has been lovely to welcome the children back to school on Monday morning after the half term holiday. We hope you have had an enjoyable half term, especially now the evenings are staying lighter for that little bit longer.

This week has been another busy week, with an enthusiastic start to the new half term. In addition to the learning happening in and around school, this week has seen some children in Year 3 visiting Norwich Theatre Royal to watch a Horrible Histories live performance linked to their history learning about the Ancient Egyptians. Mrs Lincoln said much fun and laughter was had by all! We also saw a small group of children across Year 5 and 6 taking part in a Norfolk school swimming gala. Mrs Desborough commented on how positive and encouraging the children were, adding how proud she was to see such teamwork and team spirit. Well done to all swimmers who represented our school. Mrs Cojoc has been busy working with some children across the school on designing and creating our school GoGo Safari giraffe sculpture in support of the Break charity. The children have chosen to design our giraffe with Rights Respecting conventions. Painting has already begun, and we now can't wait to see the finished product.



We would like to remind our Year 6 parents that Monday is national high school offers day. We hope all children in Year 6 are happy with their high school offer, but if for any reason you have any concerns or questions in relation to the high school your child has been given, please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher, myself or Mrs Stolworthy as we may be able to direct you to further support, advice and guidance offered by the local authority.

We wish everyone a happy and restful 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 3 Blyton, 5 Almond & 6 Palacio this week, for having the highest attendance.

6 Ness: 87%

6 Palacio: 98%

6 Morpurgo: 97%

5 Almond: 98%

5 Johnson: 93%

4 Tan: 94%

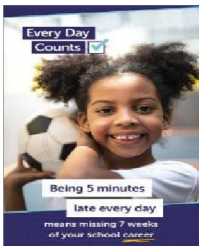
4 Pullman: 94%

3 Potter: 94%

3 Blyton: 98%

Whole school attendance for this week: 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



Attendance

This week we wanted to take the opportunity to remind parent/carers of our early morning club. Both Mousehold and George White provide a morning club. The details of George White junior schools club are shown below.

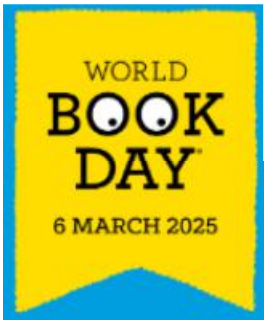
Before School Care

George White Junior School offers a morning Club from 8am to 8:40am, available for children from Year 3 to Year 6. The club takes place in the school hall and is supervised by teaching assistants who work throughout the school. To book a place for your child, please go onto your school app, go to 'payments section, then to 'payments and bookings' finally select 'Before School Care'. You can select the days you would like your child to attend and, if you a new parent you can put your card details in to make the payment of **£2** a session.

If you have any questions about Before School Care or would like to know more, please contact the school office on 01603 425515.

World Book Day

This year World Book Day will be celebrated in school on Thursday 6th March. Our whole school theme will be 'Wizarding World' and the children will be attending the 'George White School of Witchcraft and Wizardry' for the day and taking part in a range of activities such as wand making and potions class. Please note that this is not a school trip and the children will be on-site, at school for the duration of the day.

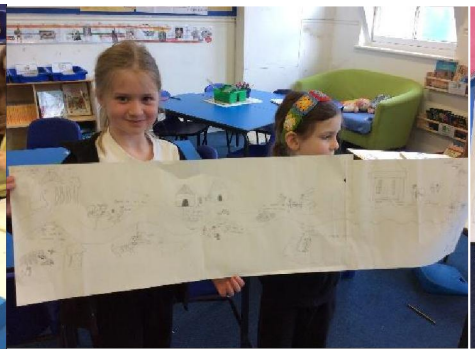
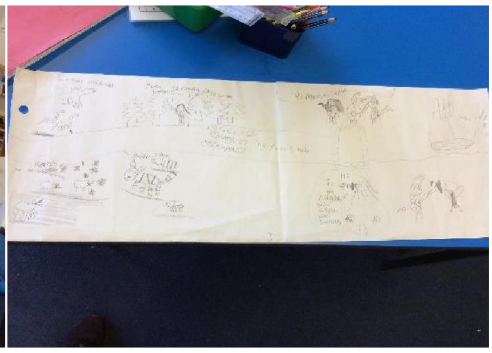


Children are welcome to come in clothes which link to our theme, but this is not essential. We ask that children do not bring in any items/accessories which they do not want to lose.

Look at what we're learning

Year 3

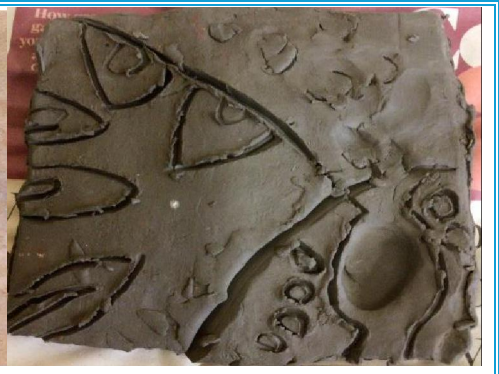
What a fantastic week of learning we've had in Year 3!
The children have settled back into school life brilliantly following the half-term break. It has been wonderful to see their enthusiasm and eagerness to continue their learning journey.
In History, we have continued our fascinating exploration of Ancient Egypt. The children have been discovering more about this incredible civilization, deepening their understanding of its culture and traditions.
Our new Science topic has sparked great curiosity! We have begun learning about light, focusing on different sources of light and discussing how they help us see the world around us. The children have enjoyed investigating and sharing their ideas.
In Maths, we have been learning about unit fractions and how to order them. The children have been introduced to key mathematical vocabulary such as numerator and denominator and have been using these terms confidently in their discussions.
In English, we have been reading and analysing the poem *The River's Tale* by Rudyard Kipling. The children have explored the use of rhyme in poetry and have started planning their own versions based on the River Nile. It has been inspiring to see their creativity as they develop their poetic ideas!
In Games, the children have had the opportunity to practise and refine their hockey skills. They have demonstrated great teamwork and determination as they develop their technique.
We have also continued to enjoy our class story, *The Wild Robot*, during our daily story time. The children are captivated by the adventures of Roz, and it has been lovely to hear their thoughts and predictions about what might happen next. Well done, Year 3, for another fantastic week of learning!

Year 4

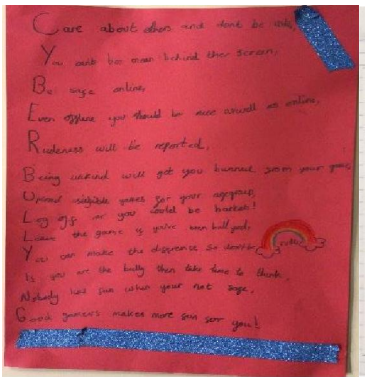
Year 4 have had a brilliant first week back! This week in Maths we have started our work on decimals. The children have been applying their knowledge from our place value learning and fractions work to help them with tenths. In English we have started a new unit of work, we are starting to look at the story Wisp A Story of Hope by Zana Fraillon. At the end of the half term the children will be writing a narrative from the perspective of the Wisp. In Science, we did a final write up of our Science investigation, over the half term we left different liquids in certain areas of the classroom to see which ones evaporated the quickest. After this, we did an assessment on States of Matter and the children did a presentation piece of work. The next Science unit is Sound which we will be starting on Monday. In Art the children have sketched fruit and used different mediums to do this, we then created some Fruit tiles out of Clay! In RSHE the children are exploring a new unit called Healthy Me. Our first lesson was discussing our friends and me. We hope you all have a lovely weekend!

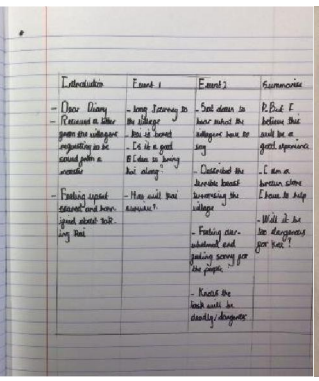
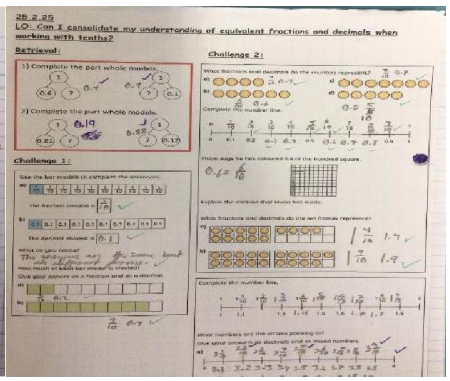




Year 5

We've had a wonderful week in year 5 and have really enjoyed welcoming the children back and starting some new topics across the curriculum and continuing with our learning in some subjects. In maths, the children have been impressing us so much with their knowledge and understanding of decimals and equivalent fractions. In English we have started a new text 'Kai and the Monkey King,' and the children have been enjoying exploring the thoughts, feelings and actions of the characters in preparation for writing a diary entry. In science, we launched our new 'animals including humans' topic and had a fantastic discussion around the human lifecycle. In history we are concluding our unit on the Maya civilization by comparing their leadership to that of the Anglo-Saxons. We were super impressed with how much knowledge the children recalled from our previous topics. In RSHE we began our new topic of 'Healthy Me,' and looked at the effects of smoking and vaping on the body.



Year 6

We are excited to share the highlights of our first week back in Spring Term Two! It has been a week filled with enthusiasm and learning as the children have dived into some fantastic new topics.

In **English**, we began our new book, *Shackleton's Journey* by William Grill. The children are already captivated by the incredible story of Ernest Shackleton's adventures in Antarctica, and it has sparked some excellent discussions about courage, perseverance, and leadership. Alongside our reading, we've started practicing writing **formal letters** and **job recommendations** using the **subjunctive form**. It's been wonderful to see the children apply their grammar skills in real-world contexts!

In **Maths**, we've been improving our understanding of **data representation**. The children have worked hard on **bar charts**, **line graphs**, **pie charts**, and **pictographs**, and they're becoming much more confident in interpreting and creating these graphs.

Our **Science** topic this term is all about **Light**. The children have shown great interest and enthusiasm as they explore how light travels, how we see, and the effects of shadows. We are looking forward to further experiments and investigations in the coming weeks.

In **Art**, our projects are nearing completion. The children are putting the finishing touches on their **activism posters**, which have been a fantastic way for them to express their creativity while learning about important social causes.

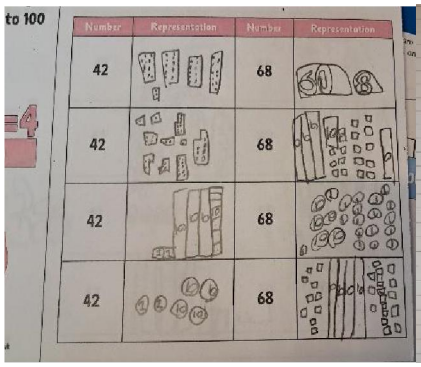
It's been a fantastic start to the term, and we are incredibly proud of the children for maintaining such high standards in their learning. Their curiosity and dedication are truly inspiring!
Thank you, as always, for your continued support. We look forward to the exciting weeks ahead!
Wishing you all a wonderful weekend.
Warm regards,
Year 6 Team

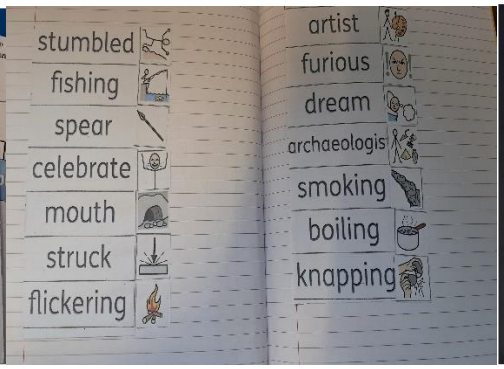





Blake Class

Blake class have been working on processing this week by using problem solving skills. One activity was to complete as many puzzles as they could in 15 minutes. We had Peppe pig, Thomas the Tank Engine, an alphabet puzzle and this 108 piece puzzle. The did a brilliant job and there was some excellent teamwork observed.
In English, we are looking at our new class book, Stone Age Boy by Satoshi Kitamura. There is some interesting vocabulary around the daily lives of people in the Stone Age. Children matched pictures with words to show understanding. They also cut out some pictures and put them into categories to get some ideas about daily life, leading towards writing a diary entry in role at the end of the unit.
In maths, children have been thinking about different ways to represent numbers. They used equipment including Numicon, counters and arrow cards to make numbers and then drew these on their sheets. Next, we are going to look at flexible partitioning.
A great start back to the new half term, well done Blake class!







Dates for the Diary 2024/2025

Thursday 6th March	World Book Day – Wizarding World, Children are invited to come in clothes which link to our theme.
Tuesday 18th March	Open Classrooms for all years from 3.20pm
Friday 21st March	Red Nose Day – Do something funny for money – Details to follow
Monday 24th March	Parents Evening 3.30 – 5.30pm
Tuesday 25th March	Parents Evening 3.30 – 7.00pm
Wednesday 27th March	French Day
Wednesday 2nd April	Easter Bonnet Competition and parade
Friday 4th April	End of Spring Term – 3.20pm
Wednesday 23rd April	Start of Summer term 1 – gates open at 8.30am
Monday 5th May	Bank holiday Monday – school is not open on this day
Monday 12th May	SAT's Week for Year 6 children SAT's breakfast for all Year 6 children from 8am daily in the school hall.
Tuesday 20th May	Year 3 and 4 Sports Day 9:30 on the school field at the corner of Crome Road and Mousehold Avenue. After sports day, all parents of children in Year 3 and 4 are invited to bring a picnic lunch to school to share with their child(ren).
Wednesday 21st May	Year 5 and 6 Sports Day 9:30 on the school field at the corner of Crome Road and Mousehold Avenue. After sports day, all parents of children in Year 5 and 6 are invited to bring a picnic lunch to school to share with their child(ren).
Monday 26th May	Half Term
Monday 2nd June	Welcome back after Half Term- gates open at 8.30am