George White Junior School Newsletter

Friday 9th October 2026

As we move further into autumn, we are certainly starting to notice a change in the temperature. The mornings and afternoons are becoming cooler, so please remember to send your child into school with a warm, waterproof coat each day. This will ensure that they are comfortable and able to enjoy outdoor play and learning whatever the weather brings.

We have been very lucky this week to see a beautiful rainbow over school. It was a lovely sight and the children were excited to spot it in the sky. It has been a great reminder to take a moment to notice some of the wonderful things happening around us.

Our Book Fair is continuing after school and will be running until Tuesday next week. We hope lots of children will have the opportunity to visit with their families and choose a new book to enjoy.

Today we have also welcomed our school photographer, who has been busy taking photographs of lots of smiling children. We look forward to seeing the finished photographs and hope they will provide some lovely memories of the children this year.

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. Each individual child's attendance counts towards this.

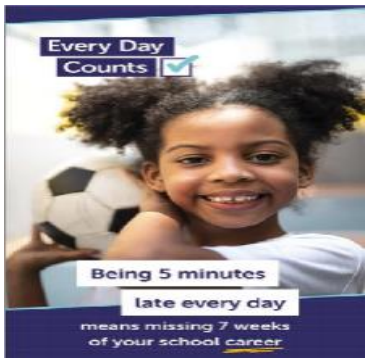
Well-done to 5W this week, for having the highest attendance.

6E: 93%
6W: 96%
5W: 99%
5M: 97%
4T: 97%
4B: 97%
3C: 96%
3P: 94%

Whole school attendance for this week: 96%

School Target: 96%

Please remember the gates open at 8:30am and close at 8:50.



Safeguarding

Designated Safeguarding Leads

Mrs. Petchey, Mrs. Stolworthy, Mrs. Greenwood, Miss Derer.

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

What a Week in Year 3!

This week has been a week of tests, during which the children have been working hard to focus on different tasks, manage their concentration, and build their learning stamina. We are incredibly proud of how well they have approached these challenges and the resilience they have shown.

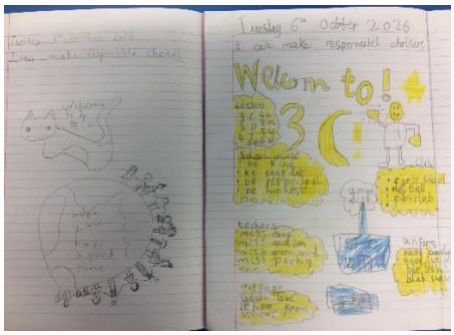
Our afternoons have been full of exciting learning! In History, we discovered the amazing artefacts found at Skara Brae in Orkney and explored why this ancient settlement is historically significant. In Science, we learned why animals, including humans, need nutritious food to keep their bodies healthy and strong.

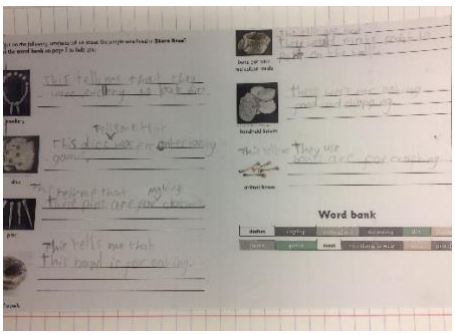
We have also loved our PE lessons, where we have been practising our ball skills and working together as teams. There have been plenty of opportunities to practise, encourage one another and, most importantly, have fun!

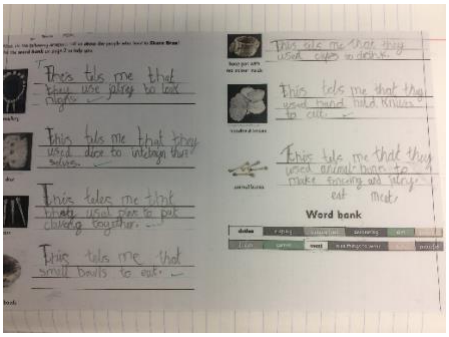
We are especially proud of all our Year 3 children for trying their very best during their tests. Their determination and resilience have been wonderful to see and show how much they care about doing well and making progress in their learning. Well done, Year 3!

We hope you all have a wonderful and well-deserved weekend!

Year 3 Team

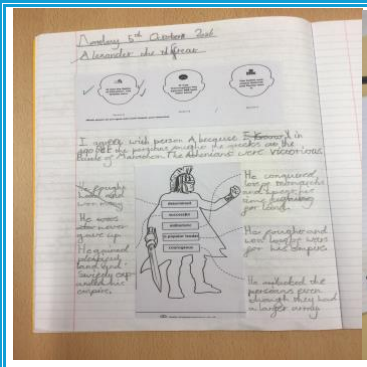
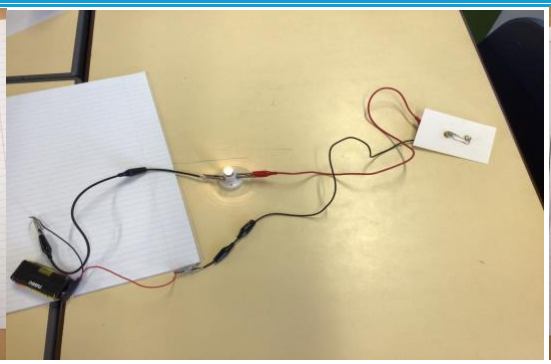
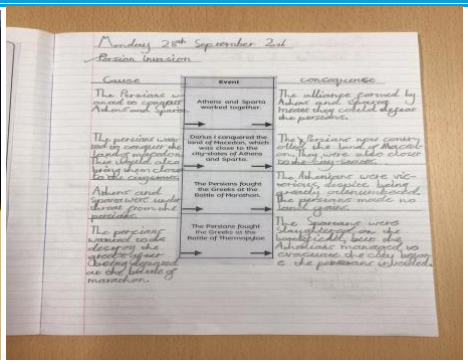






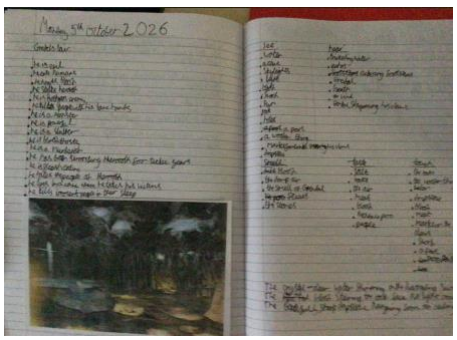
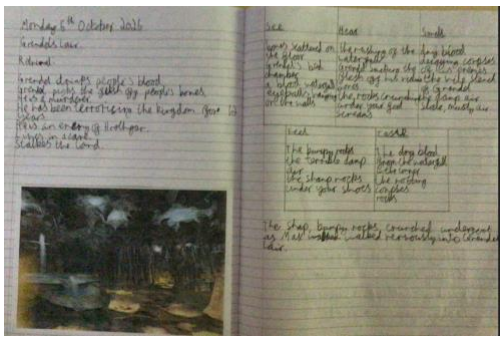
Year 4

What a fantastic week it has been for Year 4! This week, the children successfully completed Testing Week, showing great resilience, perseverance and determination throughout. We are incredibly proud of the positive attitudes they demonstrated and the effort they put into their learning. In Science, we have been learning all about switches. The children enjoyed creating their very own switches using card, split pins and paper clips. They then attached different components to their circuits and experimented with making a light bulb light up. It was fantastic to see their curiosity and problem-solving skills in action! In History, we continued our learning about Alexander the Great. The children discovered what made him such a courageous and successful leader, exploring some of the qualities and decisions that helped him become such an important historical figure. Well done, Year 4, on another fantastic week! We are so proud of all your hard work and perseverance.

Year 5

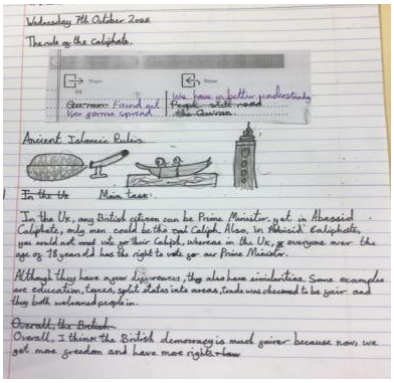
It has been another busy and exciting week in Year 5, with lots of fantastic learning taking place across the curriculum. In Maths, we have begun a new unit focusing on addition and subtraction. The children are developing their understanding of different methods and are working hard to explain their mathematical thinking and reasoning. In English, we have continued our exciting Beowulf unit and have begun exploring Grendel's terrifying lair. We have been building a rich bank of vocabulary to describe the setting, thinking carefully about what we might see, hear and feel if we were there. The children have been exploring powerful words and phrases and considering how the description of Grendel's lair can create a sense of fear, suspense and tension for the reader. We will be using these ideas to help us create our own atmospheric and imaginative setting descriptions. It has been wonderful to see the children becoming increasingly confident in sharing their ideas and choosing vocabulary carefully to make their writing more effective.

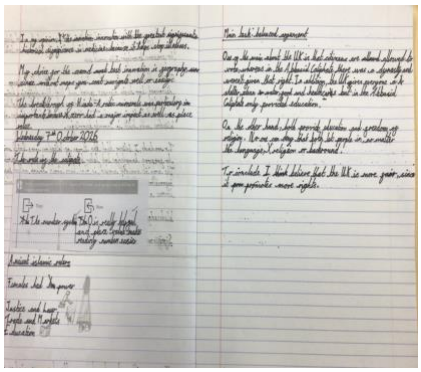




Year 6

It's been a fantastic week in Year 6; we have been looking at formal methods for multiplication and division in Maths, including applying this knowledge to reasoning and problem solving. In English we have planned and begun to write our setting descriptions of ancient Baghdad. We are looking forward to seeing how these progress as we continue to edit and write next week. Our science lesson was a lot of fun learning about the different components that make up our blood. The children then made their own versions of blood with a missing or overuse of a component for their classmates to identify the problem and possible health issues connected. We think we could spot a few future medics in the class as a result! In History, we compared the British democracy to the ruling Caliphate on the Ancient Islamic Civilisation and wrote a balanced argument to explain which we thought was fairer. Well done for another great week, Year 6.



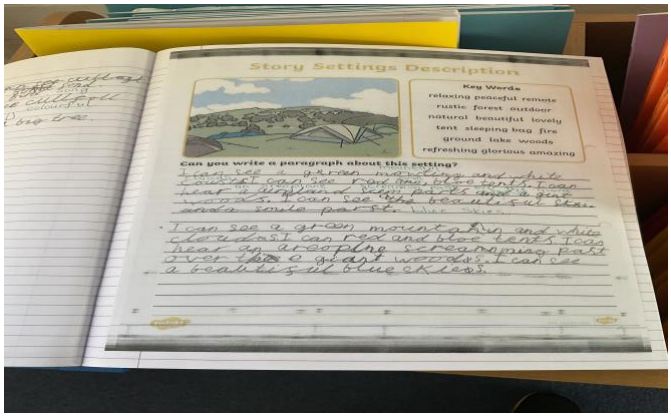




SRB

This week the SRB children have been expanding their sentence writing to include conjunctions ready for their paragraph writing at the end of the half-term. In art the children were rained out of the nature garden but brought it indoors to create artistic temporary artwork that would return to nature once they were done. in PSHE they made sensory bottles for calming themselves.





Dates for the Diary 2026/2027

Tuesday 20th October	House singing competition
Tuesday 20th October	Flu Vaccination team in 2nd visit
Tuesday 20th October	Parents evening 3:30pm-6pm
Wednesday 21st October	Parents evening 3:30pm – 6pm
Thursday 22nd October	Wear it Pink Day – children come to school wearing something pink with a £1 donation in support of Breast Cancer – more information can be found https://breastcancernow.org/wear-it-pink/
Thursday 22nd October	End of Half Term – a reminder that Friday 23rd is a non-school day
Monday 2nd November	School starts for the start of Autumn2 half term – gates open at 8:30am
Wednesday 11th November	Parent cafe – supporting dyslexia at GWJS – 8:50am
Thursday 19th November	**BADGER HOUSE** cake sale for all children – 3:20 on the school playground. If the weather is wet the sale will take place under the shelter areas.
Thursday 26th November	Open Classrooms for all parents and carers from 3:20pm
Thursday 10th December	Christmas Jumper Day and whole school Christmas lunch
Thursday 10th December	GWJS Christmas Fayre from 3:20pm
Friday 18th December	End of Term at 3:20pm
Tuesday 5th January	Start of the Spring term from 8:30am