



Friday 15th October 2021

Dear Parents/Carers

We have had a really busy couple of weeks in school and I know that everyone has been working extremely hard. We have had some very exciting news in the farm this week with the arrival of 6 new chickens from Stoke Fruit Farm and 7 ducklings which hatched on Wednesday! It has been lovely having children back in the farm and all classes are going to see our new arrivals over the next three school days.



We have a very busy and exciting week coming up next week, with a Diwali dance workshop in Year 3, World War One day in Year 5 and a whole school Love day, (see below for further details.) Read the paragraphs below to find out what we have been up to.

Parents Evening

We had hoped to have in person parents' evenings this term. Due to an increasing number of cases on the island, we have made the decision to change these to phone calls. This will minimise the risk for our staff and mean that they are more likely to be able to be in school and teach on a day to day basis. All existing appointments will be maintained and your class teachers will call you at your allotted time. Thank you for your understanding with this.

Love Day

Your children may have come home and told you about our Love Day event which is taking place on Tuesday. On Love Day, the whole school come away from our usual timetable and get to explore a chosen activity. The teachers in school have all planned

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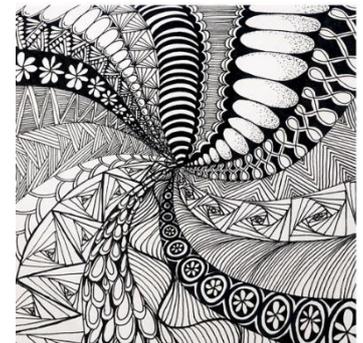
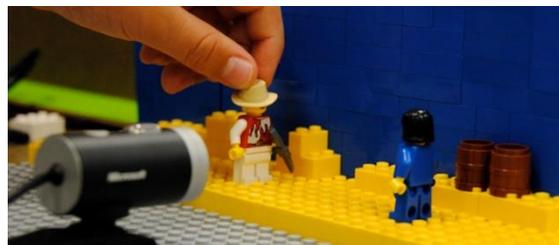
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an activity which they love to do to share with the children. Your child will have been asked to sign up for one or two activities, depending on whether they are full or half day sessions. Love Day is always a really enjoyable day where the children get to meet new teachers, work with a different group of children and learn a new skill. The activities on offer this Love Day include watercolour painting, drama, swimming, gymnastics, jewellery making, football and basketballs skills, movie making, zentangles and more! Please remember to send your child in with an art shirt if they are doing an art or craft activity. 3IC are doing Harbour schools as planned and will have swimming and PE in the afternoon.



Trick Box

So far this year the children have revised tricks they will have learnt previously, although of course these are all new to our year 3 children. For our year 3 or new parents, Trick Box is an emotional management programme which teaches the children strategies, known as 'tricks', to support them in 4 key areas of calm, confidence, communication and creativity. This half term we have learnt or revised the tricks Stand Tall, Mirror Mirror, Floating Cloud and Breathing Colour. Please ask your children about these tricks and practise them with them at home. If you would like to learn more about Trick Box and how it can help to support your child with their emotional management then please visit www.trickbox.co.uk or speak to Mrs Wintle at school.

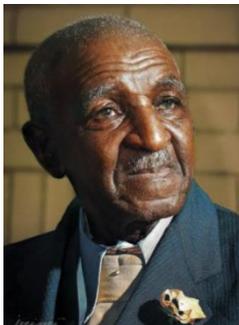




School Value: Respect

In assembly, children learnt about the importance and relevance of 'black history month'. Black history month is a time set aside to celebrate the achievements of black men and women in the past and from today. As we know, black people have not always been treated fairly and this assembly reiterates the importance of equality.

Each year black history month has a different theme. This year's theme is 'Proud to be'. Some iconic figures the children were introduced to were; George Washington Carver, Dr Mae Jemison, John Edmonstone, Mary Seacole, Rosa parks and Nelson Mandela.



George Washington Carver



Dr Mae Jemison



Mary Seacole

- George Carver experimented with crop rotation and revolutionised farming improving the lives of many people.
- Dr Mae Jemison was the first African American to travel into space with Nasa in 1992.
- Mary Seacole's reputation after the Crimean war rivalled Florence Nightingales. She showed great perseverance to reach the Crimean war and then risked her life to bring back wounded soldiers from the battle field.

Online Safety

This week I would like to draw your attention to two different websites, one for parents and carers and a game for children to play at home.

[Interland](#) is a game produced by Google which promotes children's understanding of internet safety. This would be a great game to play with your child and open up some meaningful discussions about how to keep safe on the internet.



Childnet.com is a really useful website for parents and carers. It provides great resources around key areas such as internet safety, mental health and well-being and how to have 'tricky' conversations with your children. Cyber bullying is becoming an area of increasing concern for young people aged 10 and over. One in five 10 – 15 year olds experienced cyber bullying last year. The main form of cyber bullying is being called names and being sworn at. If this happens to your child, it can be very upsetting for all involved. Use this link to find out how to report cyber bullying to the appropriate website. [Child.net](https://www.childnet.com)



Playstation Network -
Reporting a User
Website



Report abuse on Skype
Website



Report Harmful Content -
guiding you through the
reporting process
Website



Report Inappropriate
Content on TikTok
Website

Non School Uniform – Friday 22nd October

We will be having a non uniform day next Friday, in return for some toiletries or £1. The toiletries are being used to support the Christmas Shopping Fayre the PTA runs for the children every December. There will be more information on this in the next newsletter, but it is a festive event where the children can purchase gifts for their family and friends: they always look very proud when they have selected their presents and have them wrapped up!



Please note we can only accept non-used goods; items such as bubble bath, deodorant, gift sets are always very useful. Thank you. We only need one item per child (or £1) but would gratefully welcome wider donations if you need to clear your cupboards out!

Years 3 & 4 - mens toiletries

Years 5 & 6- women's toiletries.

What has everyone been up to in class?

Year 3

Year 3 have been busy learning about light and shadows in science. They have learnt new vocabulary; opaque, translucent and transparent. Ask your child to tell you what they mean!

In art, year 3 have been learning how to use and mix powder paints to colour match pictures of dragons and we are really proud of how these are turning out.

The children have thoroughly enjoyed learning the set of instructions for 'How to trap a stone giant' I am sure they will love to perform their actions to you at home.

As always, the children are working hard. They have settled into the junior school beautifully and are modelling our values regularly.

Year 4

We have had a busy start to the year and the children are settling into Year 4 well. One of our highlights this half term has been learning about the Maya civilisation in History. We particularly enjoyed designing our own Maya inspired menu and tasting tortillas, smashed avocado and spiced hot chocolate. In Art, we used natural resources found around our school field to create our own natural sculptures inspired by Andy Goldsworthy. We are looking forward to a well-deserved break after all of our hard work this half term and we are excited for next half term, especially Polar Express Day.



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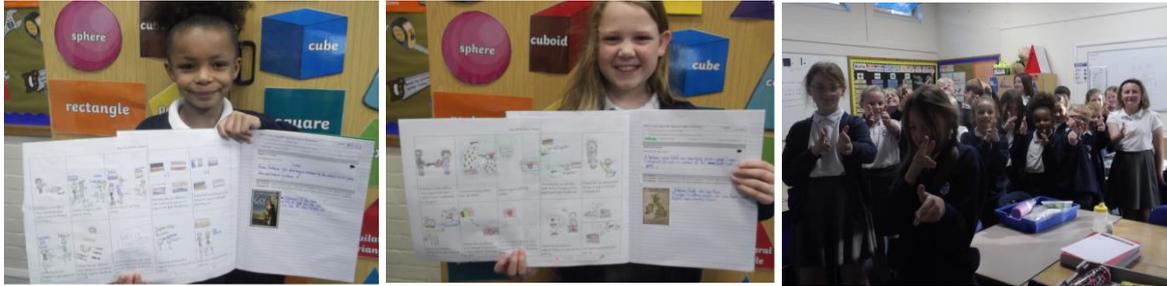
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Year 5

This week, year 5 have been learning all about how and why World War 1 started. We used role play to act out the developments of World War 1 and enjoyed creating a comic strip to consolidate our learning.



In English, we have had lots of fun applying our vocabulary to re-tell the story of the Piano. We can't wait to show you our hot writes and take you on an emotive journey that will leave you wanting to know what happens next.

A note from the teachers: Year 5 have worked incredibly hard in all of their subjects and we are so proud of their achievements so far.

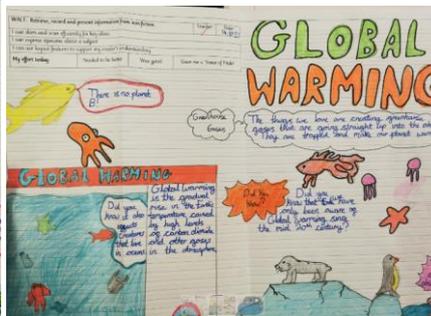
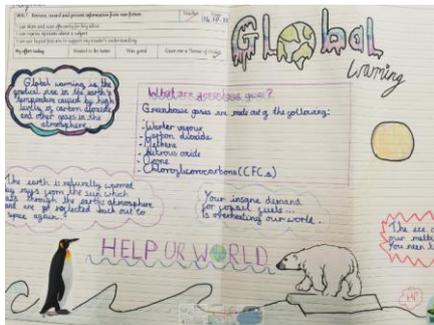
Year 6

Year 6 have made a great start to the new school year. In English, the children have been reading the book 'Floodland' and have written some fantastic first-person recounts about leaving Norwich (which is sinking due to global warming) and travelling across the sea to find the mainland. We have recently started to research global warming and the children have produced some fantastic posters in response to this.

They have been working really hard in maths, consolidating and deepening their understanding of place value including decimals and have recently been exploring number properties. They have faced some really tricky problems in the last few weeks but have tackled them with perseverance and determination.



The afternoons have been jam - packed with ukulele, perspective art and learning about the changing coastlines in geography. The children have made some fantastic models of caves, arches, stacks and stumps and did some excellent writing to explain how they are formed.



And finally...

We have an Instagram account for the school which will enable family and friends to follow on a regular basis different aspects of school life. The account can be found by searching for **millrythejuniorschool**. There is another account called millrythejunior but this **is not** the current account for our school. **The school account is not for children to follow on their own Instagram app as this is not meant for children under the age of 13.**

Have a lovely weekend

Becky Vousden

Acting Headteacher

Key dates for the academic year 2021 – 2022 confirmed so far:

Autumn 1

Week commencing 19th October parents evening PHONE CALLS

20th October Love Day

20th October Diwali workshop for Year 3

21st October Year 5 World War 1 Day **2:30pm parents invited (masks encouraged)**

22nd October Non-school uniform

Autumn 2

2nd November Winning House Ice Bun and non-uniform day

9th November Year 2 parents opening morning and evening

15th – 19th November Year 6 Calshot Week and Year 3 – 5 Art Days



1st December Portals to the Past: Year 3

1st December Closing date for Flu immunisation replies

3rd December Annual Nasal Flu Immunisation Programme

6th December Love of Christmas day/ Christmas jumper day

14th December SEN Celebration Assembly

15th December Christmas Show

16th December Christmas Dinner

17th December Christmas Jumpers

17th December House swimming rewards

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