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Another busy week – Inspiring Creative Learners

Preschool



We have been introducing everyone to the 'Monsters' from our phonics program. We have been listening to stories about them and the jobs that they do.

We have been making our own monsters out of playdough and loose parts.



New Zealand Class - Reception

New Zealand Class have progressed brilliantly with their Monster Phonics, learning more sounds whilst practising to blend the sounds for reading words and segmenting the sounds to write the words. A great resource for this is magnetic letters whilst we refine our letter formation and pencil control. The children have enjoyed the songs that support the learning.

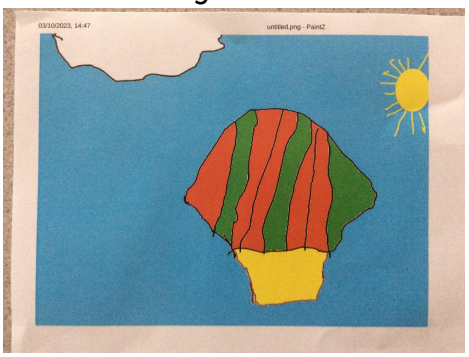
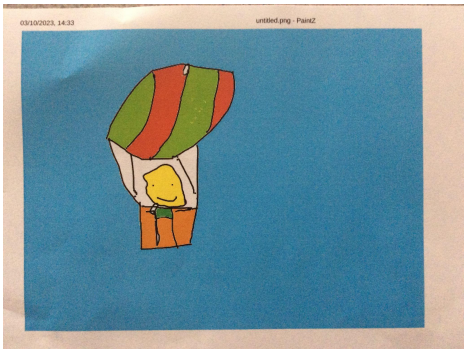
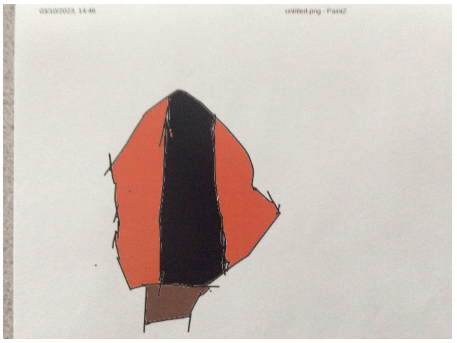


In Maths we have been exploring measure, considering size,mass and capacity. The children enjoyed creating an animal home using the creative modelling area and chose an animal to fit in their home. They have also been exploring capacity in the water trays and using the scales and resources to compare weight and length whilst trying to use the correct mathematical language to describe the differences.



Switzerland Class - Y1 and 2

In Switzerland class we have been very busy with a full timetable of learning. In phonics we have been practising our common exception words such as he, she, we, me and be. Some of these words will be coming home with the handwriting homework so the children can practise spelling them as well as forming their letters. They are working really hard at their handwriting, and getting ready to join by the end of the year. In English we have been looking at the story of The Way Back Home, by Oliver Jeffers. In History we continue to look at the history of flight, and in computing the children designed and coloured their own hot air balloons using Paintz. These were terrific and the children were very proud of their work.

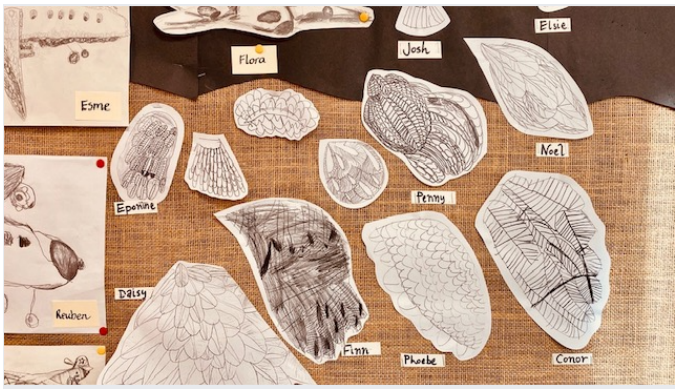




Thailand Class - Y2 and 3

Thailand Class have continued to amaze us with their fantastic writing. Their adventure stories over the past few weeks have been full of great descriptions, exciting characters and imaginative adventures to places like the moon and Antarctica. They are a joy to read! If the children do any writing at home, we would love to read it and possibly share it with the class.

Thailand Class have not only enjoyed writing, but they also love listening to a story and are a very enthusiastic audience. We have been listening to Fing by David Walliams and George's Marvellous Medicine by Roald Dahl.

There have been lots of opportunities for art this half term as the children have been sketching birds, wings and feathers in the way that the Wright Brothers would have when trying to understand how to create a machine that flies. In Enrichment on a Friday, we have been looking at the season of autumn and practising leaf rubbing and printing.



Madagascar Class - Y4 and 5

We have had a super couple of weeks in Madagascar Class. In maths, we have been expanding our knowledge of place value working with numbers up to 10,000. In English, we have been learning about the Blitz and how we can use this information to write a non-chronological report. The children enjoyed researching lots of different information about the Blitz to help with their independent writing. The children have expressed their enjoyment of being able to more thoroughly research a topic before completing their independent writing. In topic, we have been learning about RADAR and how this invention helped to support the home front during WW2. We also discussed how this impacted the way the Germans fought. We moved on to art this week and have been using our knowledge of the features of a spitfire to draw our own detailed sketch. The children voiced how much they enjoyed drawing their own spitfire and that it was one of the best things they had ever drawn. I have seen some wonderful pieces of homework brought into school including sculptures and factfiles. It has been lovely to discuss with the children how they created them and give out plenty of house points.

Costa Rica Class - Y5 and 6

We have had another wonderful couple of weeks in Costa Rica Class. In English we have been looking at non-chronological reports and I have been amazed by the quality of work everyone has produced. We wrote our own non-chronological reports based on the Blitz and the children enjoyed writing their reports as well as learning more about the Blitz. In maths we have been looking at decimals and money and the similarities between them.
In topic, the children have enjoyed drawing spitfires and learning about perspective. There were some lovely spitfires drawn. We have also been looking at RADAR and how the British used this to their advantage in WW2 and where the RADAR towers may have been located.
I have enjoyed giving out plenty of house points for handwriting homework - it has been great seeing all the wonderful handwriting.

Reminder - next week we finish school for half term on Thursday 19th October - school will be closed on Friday 20th October. We re-open on Monday 30th October.

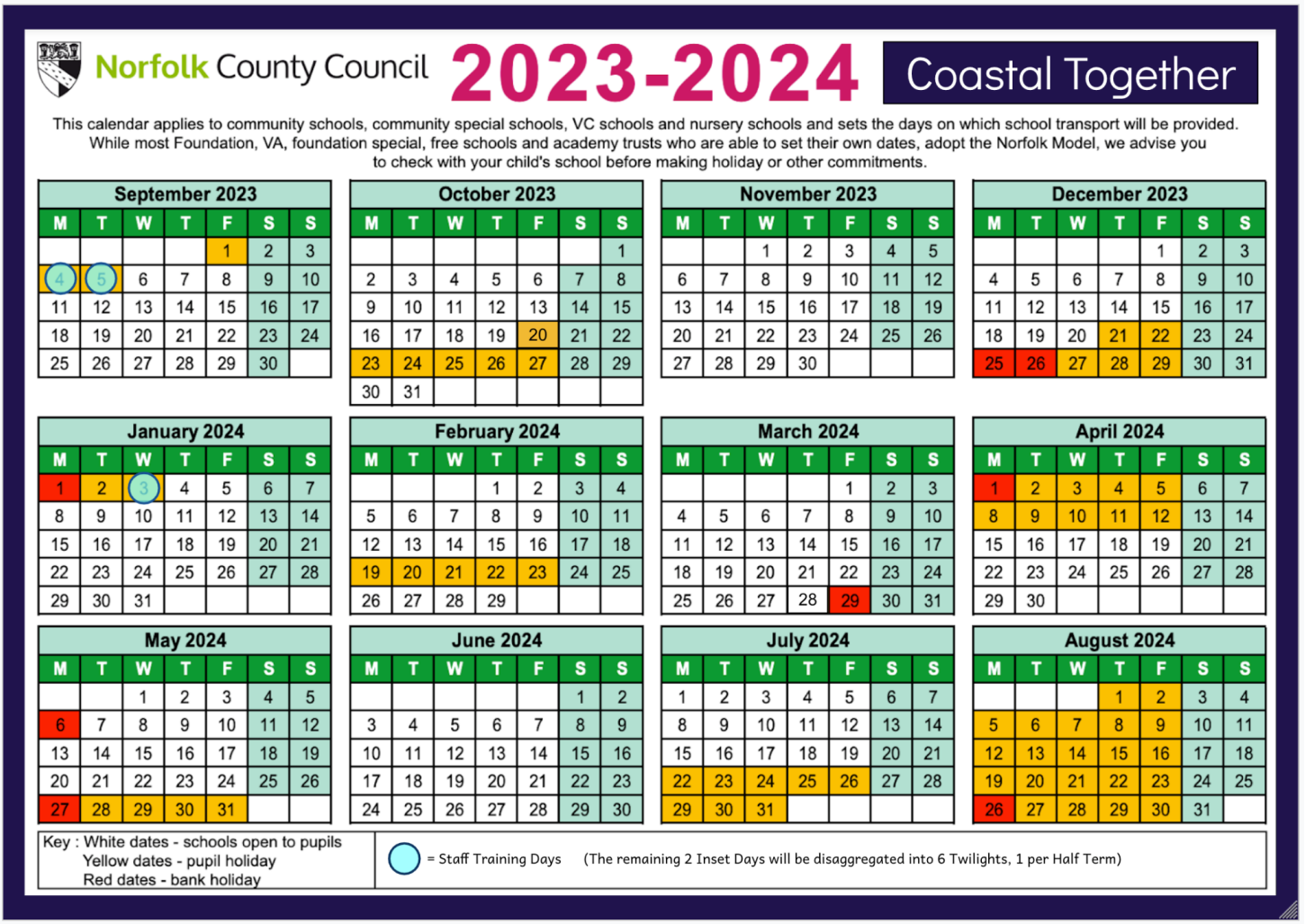
Please don't forget, if you have any queries or concerns relating to your child, please do get in touch with their class teacher. You will be able to speak to them at the end of the school day, in person, or alternatively you can email them. If a meeting is required to talk in more depth about any concerns you may have, then the teachers will be able to make suitable arrangements.

Attendance/Safeguarding

Attendance target set by the government = 96.1%
Current updated Freethorpe Primary School attendance= 95%

Dates for the Diary

Date	Time	Event
19th October	All day	Friends of Freethorpe Non-school uniform day
19th October	3pm	Phonics and Early reading parent session - Reception, Year 1 & 2
6th November	Details to follow	Year 6 SATS information meeting
9th November	9-12	Open morning for Reception 2024
28th November	12.30-3.00 pm	Flu Vaccination for Year R to Year 6
30th November	Evening	Friends of Freethorpe Pamper evening
5th and 6th December	Details to follow	Parents evening
20th December	All day	Friends of Freethorpe Non-school uniform day
7th-9th February	All day	Year 4 Hilltop trip
16th February	All day	Friends of Freethorpe Non-school uniform day
28th March	All day	Friends of Freethorpe Non-school uniform day
3rd June	All day	Friends of Freethorpe Non-school uniform day



All in-term holiday requests will be classed as unauthorised absences. This will likely result in a fixed penalty notice being issued from Norfolk County Council.

In Norfolk, penalty notices are issued in accordance with the Norfolk Local Protocol. In all cases a penalty notice can only be issued if the pupil has accrued at least 9 sessions (4.5 school days) of unauthorised absence within the previous 6 school weeks. This would result in a fine of £60 per child per parent ie; for a family with 2 children this would total £240
The leaflet below has more information about fixed penalty notices.
Fixed Penalty Notices