



News Sheet

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Another busy week - Inspiring Creative Learners

Preschool



We have been very excited to be back at preschool seeing our old friends and making new ones. We have welcomed children who are new to preschool, they are all settling really well. We have been exploring outside in the water tray with jugs and sieves, making music on the sound wall and enjoying making sandcastles in the sand pit.

We have been making 'Mini Me's' at the craft table and revisiting our ground rules. We are really enjoying our new fire station complete with a fire engine and helicopter.

New Zealand Class - Reception

We are delighted with the fabulous start the children have made settling into New Zealand Class. We have discussed where New Zealand is in the world and the children were very interested to hear that Mrs Gill used to live there. We coloured the flag to have our own version and enjoyed listening to the sound the Kiwi bird makes.

We have started our Monster Phonics lessons and have learnt more about each Monster. We have learnt to read and write the sounds, s a t p so far. We will keep updating you within your child's Reading Record of the sounds we cover in class.

The children have been introduced to the House teams they belong to and House Points are awarded throughout the school.

Within our Maths sessions we have been matching, sorting and comparing using a variety of resources. We have enjoyed practising our counting with a variety of number songs too.

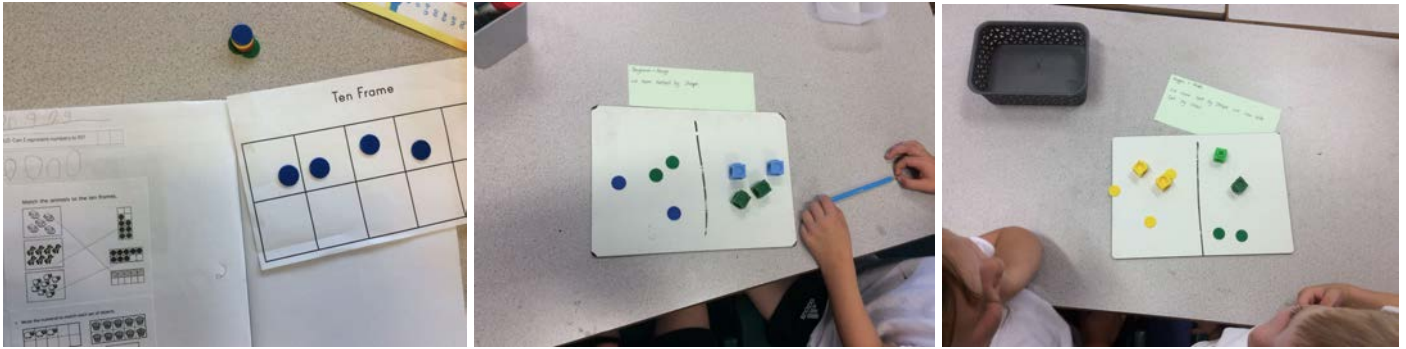


Switzerland Class - Y1 and 2

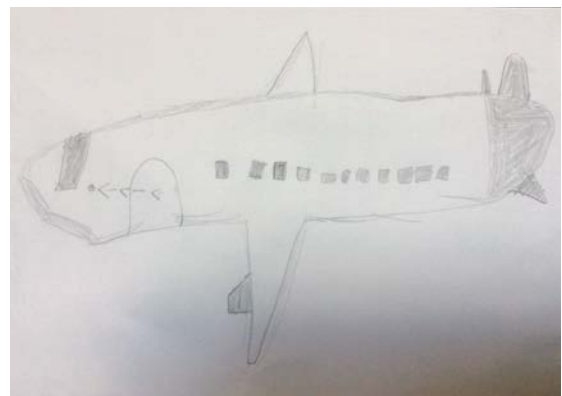
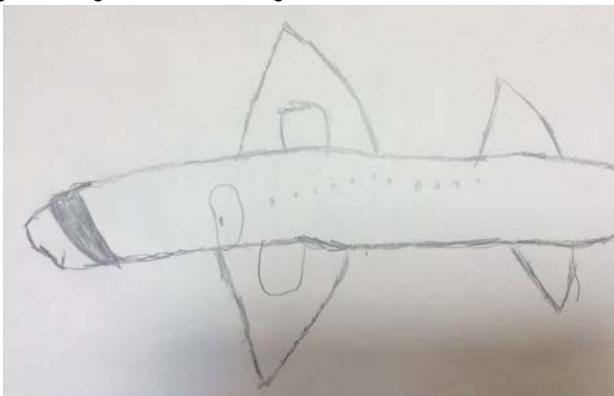
Wow! What a start to the new school year. The children have settled into their new routines brilliantly. They have worked extremely hard and have been tired out by all their hard work.

We began the term learning about Switzerland, and our JONK skills. We quickly moved on to more formal learning, where the children have been constructing some excellent sentences based around our book *Lost and Found*.

In maths we have been busy sorting objects and then finding different ways to sort them, as well as practising counting and representing numbers.



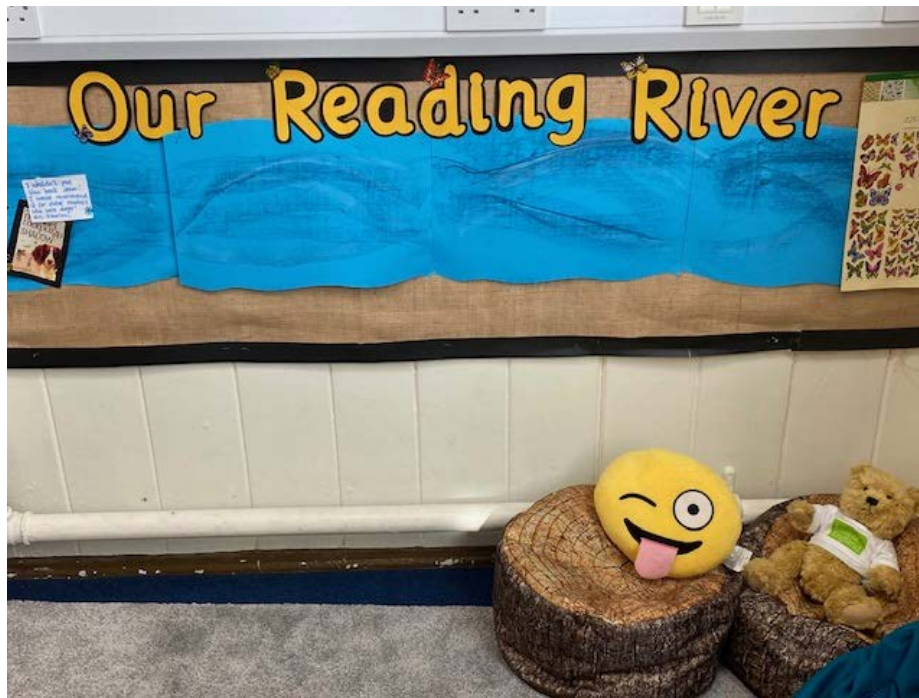
Our topic this term is *Let's Fly Away!* and we are learning all about the history of flight. In art, the children did excellent sketches of aeroplanes. You may have seen some on our learning journey wall when you have been to collect your children.



The term homework sheet was given out in the first full week, and the flight and kite designs have been flooding in! (and the house points flooding out!).

Thailand Class - Y2 and 3

What a busy start to the new year we have had! The children have settled in well into their new routines. We have learnt some facts about Thailand and we have started our new topic of 'Let's Fly Away'. We have been encouraging reading for pleasure and have a very popular book corner! The photo below is of our 'Reading River' and we would love it if you or your children would like to contribute to it by sharing your favourite book and why you like it. This can be written in Communication Books or emailed straight to us and there are plenty of house points to earn! Our English unit has been based on the book *Lost and Found* by Oliver Jeffers. The children loved making penguin fact files! In maths, we have been looking at place-value of numbers up to 1000.



Madagascar Class - Y4 and 5

It has been a super start in Madagascar Class. We have quickly settled into the routine of a new year and a new class. We have started a new topic this term and have been learning about the Battle of Britain, so far we have been using a lot of map skills to help us figure out what happened before that major event of World War 2. In English, we have been learning about a book called the Little Ships, it introduced us to the Dunkirk evacuation and how the little ships helped that rescue mission. We used our new knowledge to write a story about this event, making sure we captured how the sailors were feeling. Our maths lessons have been focused on comparing different numbers and explaining how we know which is larger. We have been using different manipulatives to help us easily visualise this.

Costa Rica Class - Y5 and 6

It has been a wonderful start to the term in Costa Rica. All the children (and myself!) have settled back into the term quickly. We started the term thinking about Costa Rica and where it is compared to us. Everyone has been interested in our topic for the term 'Battle of Britain'. To start our topic we have been looking at Case Yellow and Operation Dynamo; these were terms that not many people knew even if they understood what had happened in Dunkirk. Our English unit has been 'The Little Ships' which is linked to Dunkirk. The children have been amazed by how many ships were involved and how many people were rescued over such a short amount of time. In maths we have been thinking about tenths - we have spent time using the manipulatives to help with our learning which the children have really enjoyed doing.



Norfolk County Council Flourish Awards

Earlier this week the first Norfolk County Council Flourish Awards took place. There were a wide range of awards and achievements that were celebrated during the evening and the winner of the Family and Friends award was Mrs George, recognising the work that she does with children within the community: helping children and young people be safe, connected and supported through positive relationships and networks.

Congratulations Mrs George!



Attendance/Safeguarding

Attendance target set by the government = 96.1%

Current updated Freethorpe Primary School attendance= 94.23 %

Dates for the Diary

Date	Time	Event
29th September	All day	Year 6 visit to Acle Academy
19th October	All day	Friends of Freethorpe Non-school uniform day
6th November	Details to follow	Year 6 SATS information meeting

9th November	9-12	Open morning for Reception 2024
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



This calendar applies to community schools, community special schools, VC schools and nursery schools and sets the days on which school transport will be provided. While most Foundation, VA, foundation special, free schools and academy trusts who are able to set their own dates, adopt the Norfolk Model, we advise you to check with your child's school before making holiday or other commitments.

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

= Staff Training Days (The remaining 2 Inset Days will be disaggregated into 6 Twilights, 1 per Half Term)

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](#)