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Another busy week ..... Inspiring Creative Learners

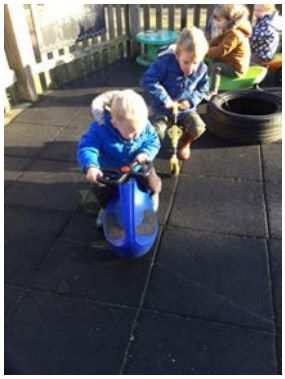


Coming up...

Friends of Freethorpe Pamper Evening

Thursday 30th November
6.00-9.00

Preschool





This week we have enjoyed being outside in the winter sunshine riding the bikes and playing in the sandpit.

We have been making bird feeders to hang in our gardens, so they don't go hungry over the coming months.

We have been talking about hedgehogs and making our own from leaves which we went to collect, listening to the 'scrunchy' sounds they made when we stood on them.

New Zealand Class - Reception

We have been looking at how Diwali, Festival of Lights, is celebrated in the United Kingdom and in India. Our classroom looks lovely with the lanterns the children made as part of our learning.

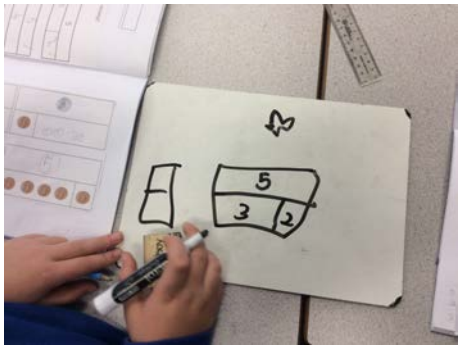


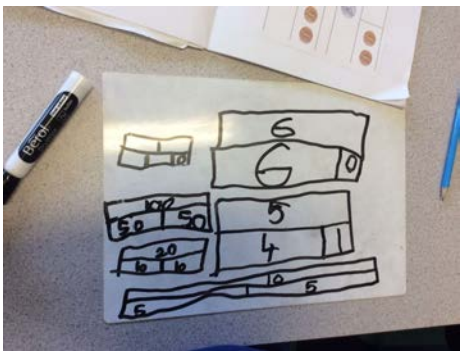


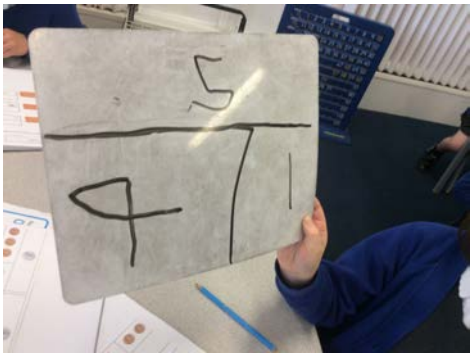
We have continued exploring places and countries and have enjoyed exploring the World with a very large map kindly donated to us. This has helped to develop our Understanding of the World alongside understanding differences and similarities between cultures and religions.
We also joined our Open the Book assemblies this half term alongside the rest of school and have discussed these stories are from the Bible. The Nativity story will further discuss Christianity and we are looking forward to performing with the rest of Key Stage One.
In Maths we have been exploring shapes and patterns, linking this to Rangoli patterns celebrated as part of Diwali celebrations.
The children have continued learning single sounds in Monster Phonics sessions and are very close to knowing the complete alphabet - see if your child can sing The Monster Phonic Alphabet song!

Switzerland Class - Y1 and 2

We have been very busy in Switzerland class. In English we have been finishing our book Pigs Might Fly, ending with our own versions of a three little pigs tale. The children are working very hard at their letter formation and this is really beginning to show. Thank you to all of you at home, supporting them with their handwriting homework. In maths we have been looking at partitioning numbers in different ways, and have begun looking at using bar charts to help with this.

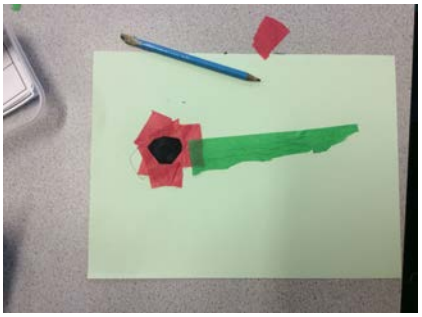






As it was remembrance Sunday, we talked a little about why we were all wearing poppies, and the children made their own. You may have seen some as the children were very keen to bring them home.






Thailand Class - Y2 and 3



In Thailand class, we have been the author's of our own books and have written individual versions of The Three Little Pigs with beautiful covers and illustrations on each page.

In Enrichment on a Friday, we combined our love of bonfire night with art that involved drawing a city skyline and experimenting with wax crayon resistance and watercolours over the top to create fireworks in the night sky. In this slot starting Friday 1st December, we will be beginning three sessions of Advent Art which will include designing and printing our own Christmas card and making our own tree decorations. Hopefully, the children will continue these skills at home.

We are full steam ahead with our Christmas performance preparations. As well as all the singing practice, the Year 2s have been taking part in some vocal workshops in the hall to improve their voice projection and speaking confidence. I am pleased to report we have some wonderful thespians in the class! SC

Madagascar Class - Y4 and 5

In Madagascar class, we have been looking at money in maths. We have been learning about how to convert between pounds and pence as well as how to solve problems adding and subtracting different amounts. In English, we wrote our own diary entries from the point of view of a British soldier before starting a new unit writing biographies about Charles Darwin. Our topic lessons have been focused on the home front and how they supported Britain through World War 2. We looked at the different things they could do including growing their own vegetables, rationing and make-do and mending clothing. We then made posters to help recruit.

Costa Rica Class - Y5 and 6

We have continued to be as busy as always in Costa Rica Class. In English we have been looking at diary entries and how to lay them out. The children created some wonderful diary entries based on having to go into an Anderson shelter and what that would be like. In maths we have been focusing on finding a missing value in a range of contexts. We started with bar models before moving on to finding missing angles. The children even used their knowledge of finding missing values to answer some algebraic questions. In topic, we have continued to look at World War 2 and have moved our focus onto the home front and what that meant for people still in the UK during the war. We have begun science lessons on evolution and inheritance which the children have found interesting.

On Remembrance Sunday a school wreath was laid at the Halvergate war memorial. Thank you to the children who represented the School and assisted with the laying of the wreath.



PE news

On Friday 10th November we set off for the Cluster Cross country tournament at Fairhaven with 35 excited, if not a little nervous, children, who were all so proud to be representing their school. We were lucky with the weather as it was dry and bright, so good running conditions. The races were tough but we had some fantastic results with everyone finishing their races. With all the points totalled up we had the medal/trophy presentation and I have to say Freethorpe did well, several children gained personal medals and as a collaborative team we brought home 3 of the 6 trophies on offer.



Dates for the Diary

Date	Time	Event
28th November	12.30-3.00	Flu Vaccination for Year R to Year 6
Wed 29th and Thurs 30th November	From 3:15 - 3:45	Open Classrooms: Reception to Year 6
Thurs 30th November	Evening	Friends of Freethorpe Pamper evening
Tues 5th December	2:30 - YR 2:15 Y1- Y3 2:45 Y4-6	End of Autumn term topic celebration: Craft workshop with year R 2:30pm, year 1-3 from 2:15pm. Year 4-6 at 2:45pm
Wed 6th and Thurs 7th December	3:15 - 3:45	Open Classrooms: Reception to Year 6
Weds 13th December	6:30	Key Stage 2 Christmas Concert at Halvergate Church
Mon 18th and Tues 19th December	2.00	Key Stage 1 Nativity
Wed 20th December	All day	Friends of Freethorpe Non-school uniform day
7th-9th February	All day	Year 4 Hilltop trip
Wednesday 7th February	8:45	Mental Health and Wellbeing coffee morning
16th February	All day	Friends of Freethorpe Non-school uniform day

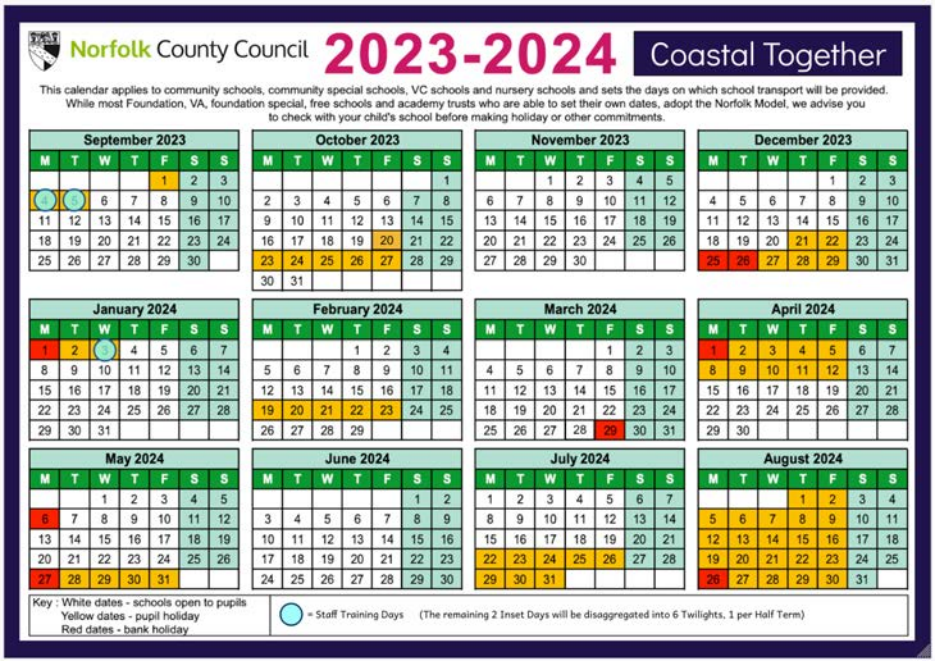
28th March	All day	Friends of Freethorpe Non-school uniform day
3rd June	All day	Friends of Freethorpe Non-school uniform day

Attendance/Safeguarding

Attendance target set by the government = 96.1%

Current updated Freethorpe Primary School attendance= 94%





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