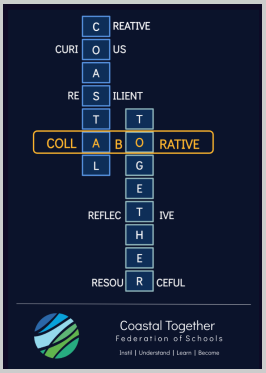
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Another busy week ..... Inspiring Creative Learners

Friends of Freethorpe

A huge thank you to everybody who took part in the Pamper Evening last week. There were lots of lovely treatments being had, nails being painted and Christmas presents being purchased! It all felt very festive indeed!

Thank you to all the parents for supporting the bags for schools fabric recycling last week. We made £130. Almost double what we made last year, so. Extra thank you to all those helpers that dropped and collected bags door to door it really made a difference.

If anyone feels they have a small amount of free time to support FoF we have a helpers Whatsapp group people are welcome to join. It's a space to share ideas and keep in the loop about what help is needed. Contact FoF@coastaltogether.co.uk to get added.



Preschool

We have been learning all about 'teeth' this week in preschool, how many we have, how we look after them and what happens when we go to the dentist. Many of us have been to visit the dentist so shared their experiences during circle time.

We will now be making Stickman from twigs which we have collected, and have been mark making using twigs and paint to see what patterns we can make.



New Zealand Class - Reception

We have enjoyed rehearsing for our Nativity, The Sleepy Shepherd, and we are looking forward to performing to you all! We have read The Christmas Story and compared this to our Nativity story discussing the Christian celebration and our own family traditions around Christmas. The children have enjoyed sequencing events and retelling the story with a variety of resources.



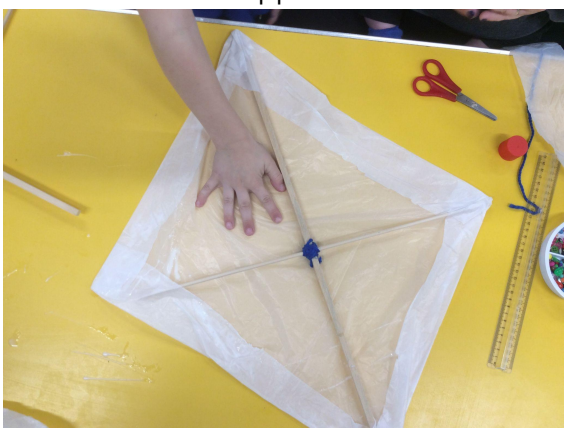
We were very fortunate to receive a visit from a fabulous musician, Pete, on Friday for a music session. The children really enjoyed the session joining in with singing, moving to music and performing as a class band trying out a variety of percussion instruments. They showed great listening skills and followed instructions very well.
In Phonics we have learnt that two letters can make one sound and practised reading words and sentences remembering the one sound for the two letters. We have also started to practise writing sentences using these sounds, as well as considering using capital letters and full stops.

Switzerland Class - Y1 and 2

We have been very busy preparing our performance of The sleepy Shepherd, and thoroughly enjoy singing all the songs. We are carrying on with our regular learning too, and in maths we have been looking at different ways to partition 10, while in English we are exploring the book "Journey" by Aaron Becker. The children are really begin to experiment with the vocabulary that they use, and this is really showing in their writing. "She felt rejected", was a very powerful phrase used to describe the little girl in the book when everyone was too busy to play with her. "She crept through the door inquisitively" was another phrase - this time to describe how the little girl went through the doorway. The more we read and share books with our children, both in school and out, the richer this language becomes, and we get very excited when the children share this rich language in class.
In topic we have been studying geography - in particular the countries of the United Kingdom and the continents and oceans of the world. Apologies if you have been bombarded with the continents song at home!

We had our end of topic parent event this week too which we shared with Thailand class to make kites collaboratively. Feedback from the children has suggested it was as much of a success as it appeared to be! This would not have been the case without so many attendees, so thank you so much for taking time out of your busy days to support your children and the school. We all appreciate it!





Thailand Class - Y2 and 3

We have been so busy in Thailand Class. The Year Twos have been enjoying their Nativity rehearsals of The Sleepy Shepherd while the Year Threes have been learning their songs for their concert next week. In English, the children have continued reading The Jolly Christmas Postman and were very sad that Humpty Dumpty had hurt himself so badly, so they all made him a 'Get Well' card. In maths, we have continued with our work on addition and subtraction with a focus on reasoning problems. For Geography, we have been learning about compass points and how Amelia Earhart navigated around the world. It was so lovely to see so many parents, grandparents and carers join in with our kite making afternoon with Switzerland Class. It was a great success! The children thoroughly enjoyed it so thank you for attending!

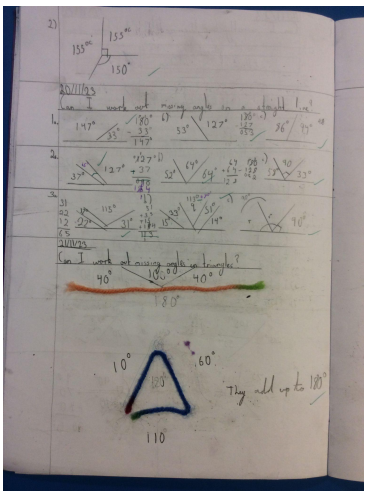


Madagascar Class - Y4 and 5

We have been busy in Madagascar Class! In English we have been thinking about Charles Darwin and what made him so famous. In maths we have been learning about tenths and hundredths and where you might find them in everyday life - money was the most common answer! In topic we have been looked at rationing and when certain foods are in season and how that affected the food people ate during WW2. In science we have been looking at rocks and the three different types of rock - igneous, metamorphic and sedimentary.

Costa Rica Class - Y5 and 6

It has been another busy couple of weeks in Costa Rica class. In English we have been looking at biographies. We looked at biographies on Charles Darwin before writing our own biographies on Douglas Bader. The children really enjoyed learning about Douglas Bader and his many attempts at escaping. In maths we have been thinking about finding the missing value in a range of contexts. We have looked at missing angles in triangles, straight lines and around a point as well as missing numbers in tables. In topic we have been thinking about rationing and what that would have meant for people living in World War 2. In science we have thought about evolution and how that works - the children enjoyed making links between this and our English.



Dates for the Diary

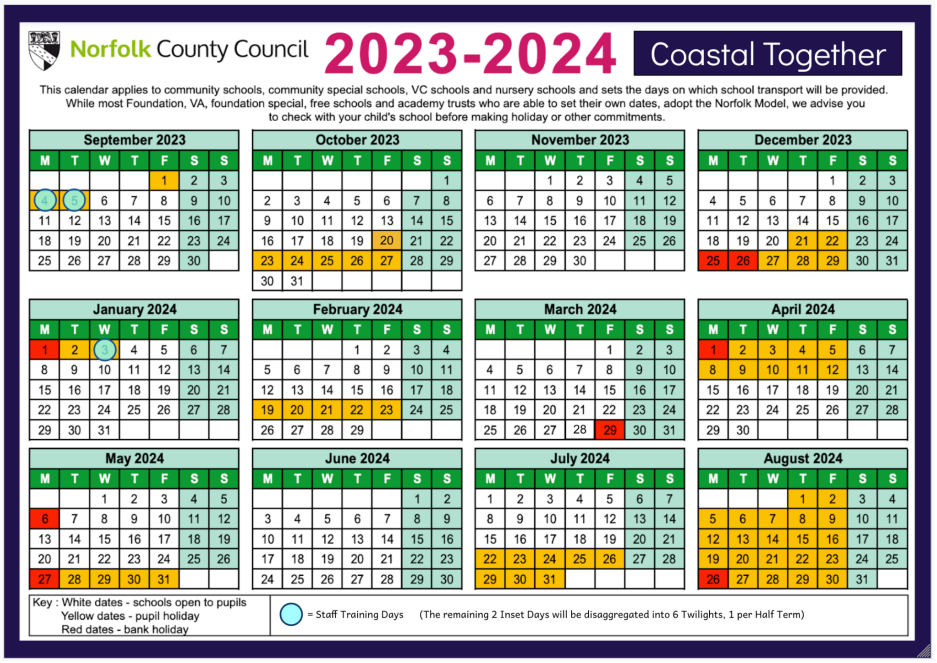
Date	Time	Event
Wed 6th and Thurs 7th December	3:15 - 3:45	Open Classrooms: Reception to Year 6
Weds 13th December	6:30	Key Stage 2 Christmas Concert at Halvergate Church
Thurs 14th December	All day	Christmas Jumper day and school Christmas Dinner
Thurs 14th December	2:45-4pm	Friends of Freethorpe Toy Exchange
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= 95%





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