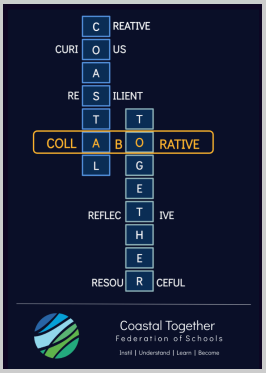
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Another busy week ..... Inspiring Creative Learners

Preschool



It has been lovely being back in school, sharing our Christmas stories. We have been exploring ice in our outside area, "it starts as water, turns into ice and then melts into water again! " is what I was told. Numbers and quantities have been our focus, counting, recognising numbers and matching objects, as well as discussing more/less and the same amounts.



We have had a change around in our room making more specific areas for the children to explore, and more will be happening over the coming weeks. An exciting time in preschool.

New Zealand Class - Reception



Happy 2024 to you all!
We began our new year thinking about some of our interests and likes including our favourite or most special toy. We used this information to make our 'time capsule' with our photo, a self portrait and our name writing. We also discussed what we may like to be when we are grown-up. We will seal this until Year 6 when we will see how similar our ideas, writing and pictures are then!
We have learnt the sound **oo** which is represented by the Monster **Cool Blue** whom you can see in the following picture. We are also learning a **Tricky Witch** sound - **ar**. The sounds represented by Tricky Witch are ones she changes with her wand to try and trick us! Both Monsters are represented by the colours shown.
In Maths we have been identifying odd and even numbers and practising naming doubles using a variety of resources including our hands - our fingers are especially helpful for doubling!

Switzerland Class - Y1 and 2

What a great start to the term. Switzerland class really have come back eager to learn! We began the term by looking Judaism, and the celebration of Shabbat. The children enjoyed our in class celebration, thinking about things we are grateful for as they tasted the Challah bread.





We have begun our topic Way Down Under by finding Australia on the map and Google Earth, and comparing the city of Norwich with Alice Springs in the Northern territory.

In English we are looking at stories from other cultures, and have started with the book Ossiri and the Bala Mengro, by Katharine Quarmby and Richard O'Neill. We have been finding out about rag and bone men, and helping our planet by thinking of ways to reduce, reuse and recycle. We recycled some old materials and fabrics and worked collaboratively to create rainbows that we have hung to brighten up our classroom. I am sure you will agree that they look gorgeous!









In maths we have been looking at augmentation and reduction, and using stories to really understand what is happening when we add and subtract

Thailand Class - Y2 and 3

Happy New Year! Lots of lovely things have been going on in Thailand Class. We had our first Year 3 Writing Workshop where we collected words, read a poem together and wrote our own version as a gift for two people: someone we knew in school and someone at home. As you can see, they thoroughly enjoyed the writing experience and we will be repeating it with Year 2:



At the start of this term, we talked about new beginnings and what we would like to gain from this year. We made a 'wishing tree' and hung from it stars with hopes for ourselves and others. We talked about the things we are already grateful for. In RE, we have been learning all about traditions within Judaism. The children were very interested to learn about Shabbat (the Jewish day of rest). We lit the Shabbat candles, sang a song and tasted Challah, a special bread eaten during this Jewish day of rest.

In Enrichment on Friday afternoons, we have moved on from our Autumn and Advent Art to Drama. We're specifically learning about mime and physical theatre. The children have responded really well to the sessions and may come home with different sound effects as we are learning how to make sound effects (a creaking door, a telephone ringing etc) using just our voices.

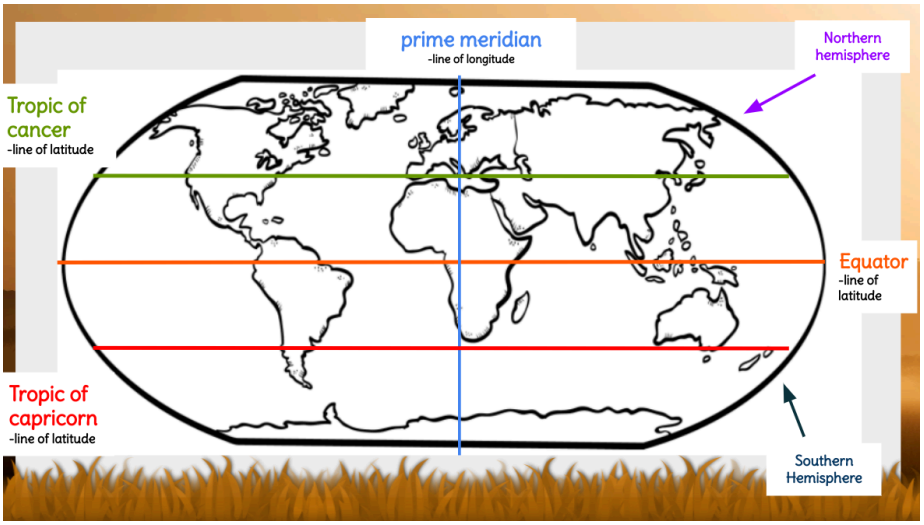




Our topic this term is Australia and 'Way Down Under'. We look forward to seeing what learning the children are inspired to do at home.

Madagascar Class - Y4 and 5

Happy New Year! We have had a great start to the year in Madagascar Class. In maths we have begun to focus on multiplication and division. We have started our learning by reminding ourselves of the grid method for multiplication and looking at the links between the 2, 4 and 8 times tables. In English, we have been looking at a book called We are the Water Protectors and looking at how water is a key part of our life and how it affects the way we live. The children have been writing stories based on this and have used some wonderful similes and descriptions to expand their ideas. We have started our new topic 'Guardians of the Planet' which is focused on Earth and how we can care for the planet. We have begun to look at how the Earth is split up using lines of longitude and latitude as well as understanding the different time zones around the world.



Costa Rica Class - Y5 and 6

Happy new year! It has been a great start to the year in Costa Rica class. In English we have been looking at Stories from a Fragile Planet and specifically the story of Maha who lives in Thailand. The children have written some lovely narratives of Maha and what she is doing in Thailand. In maths we have started looking at multiplication and division. We have started the topic by looking at prime numbers and square numbers which the children have all done amazingly with! Our topic for this term is 'Guardians of the Planet' which is looking at the Earth and how we can look after it in different ways. We started the term with some science and RE. In science we looked at classification and the children came up with some different ways of classifying animals based on a set of questions. In RE we thought about Islam and the different branches of it.



Dates for the Diary

Date	Time	Event
26th January	All day	Madagascar and Costa Rica Sealife Centre visit
29th, 30th,31st January	8:45 - 10	Preschool craft workshops

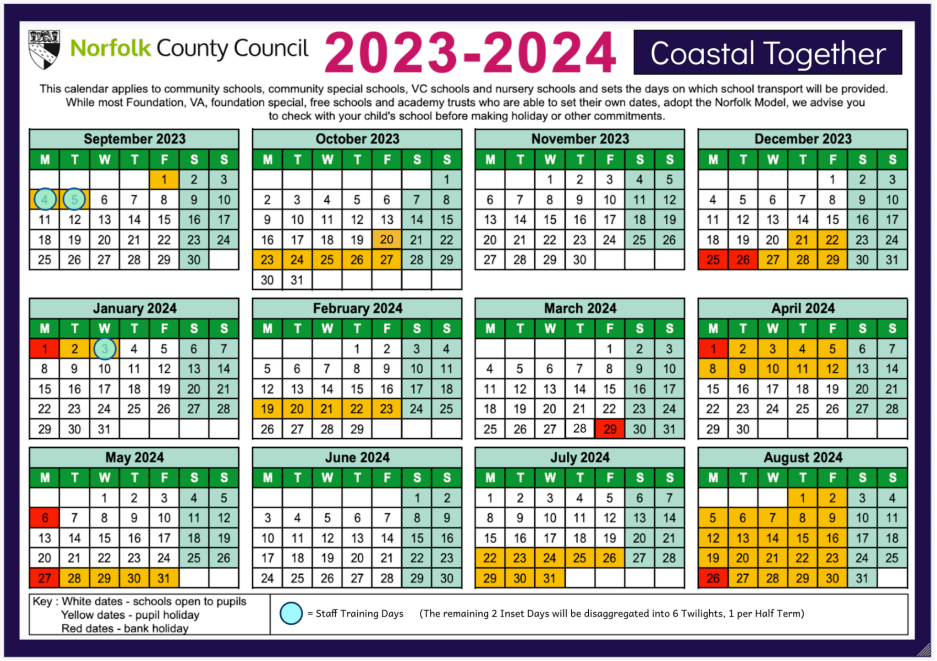
7th-9th February	All day	Year 4 Hilltop trip
Wednesday 7th February	8:45	Mental Health and Wellbeing coffee morning
16th February	All day	Friends of Freethorpe Non-school uniform day
28th March	All day	Friends of Freethorpe Non-school uniform day
3rd June	All day	Friends of Freethorpe Non-school uniform day

Attendance/Safeguarding

Attendance target set by the government = 96.1%

Current updated Freethorpe Primary School attendance= 95%





Norfolk County Council

2024-2025

Coastal Together

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 (2nd and 3rd Sept and 6th Jan. (The remaining 2 days will be disaggregated into 6 twilights)

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