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Nursery and Reception

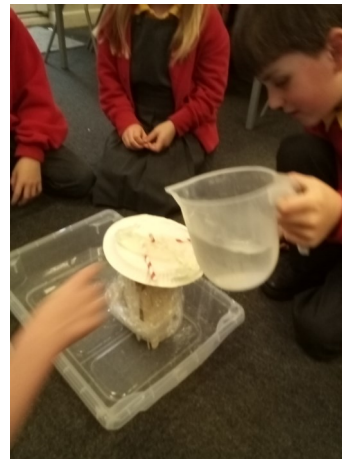
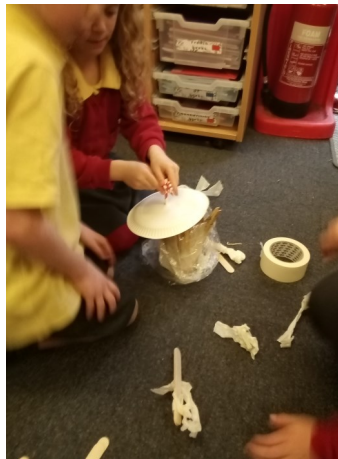
It has been lovely to welcome the children back into class and hear about all the exciting things they did during the half term holidays. This week we have started learning about 'Celebrations' focussing on Bonfire Night. The children learnt that Guy Fawkes lived a long time ago and that we set fireworks to celebrate. We then explored printing cardboard tubes onto black paper to set off our own fireworks to celebrate.



Year 1 & 2

In Science this week we've been looking at waterproof materials and creating a shelter for 'Incy Wincy Spider.' The children worked in teams to create a shelter to keep the spider dry. They then tested their shelters and discussed what materials worked and what could have been improved. Well done Class 2!

This half term in Class 2 we are starting our book 'Toby and the Great Fire of London', we are consolidating our knowledge on addition and subtraction then starting our new topic of Geometry in maths. In Science and History we are carrying on our topics of materials and the Great Fire of London linked to bonfire night. In RE we are learning about what Christians believe God is like and in DT we are learning about free-standing structures in the hope to create our own.



Year 3 & 4

Our class book we are reading this term is 'The Last Bear' - an adventure story involving relationships with animals and parents as well as our environment. We have been writing from the point of view of the main character, April Wood using a spoken voice. We also debated whether or not she should help the polar bear using arguments for and against her decision.

Year 5 & 6

We hope everyone had a great half term. In our first week back, we have begun exploring our new topic in English which is based around the video clip 'The dreadful menace'. The children have been writing an internal monologue of fear versus an athlete's mindset and have come up with some very impressive vocabulary and symbolism in our writing. In our maths work we have been exploring equivalent fractions using the resources in the room to support our learning.

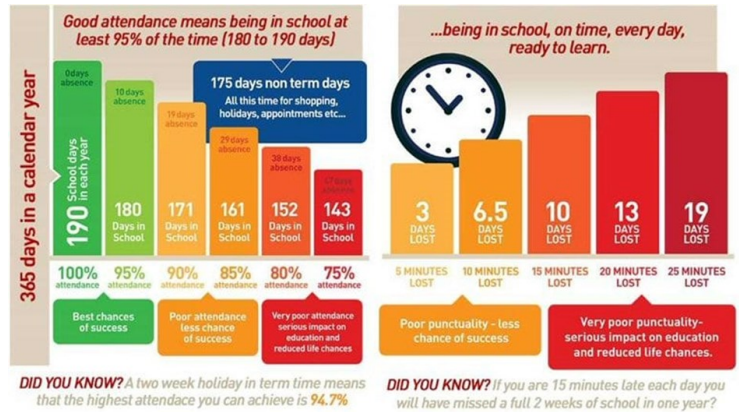
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Attendance

As part of parents evening your child's class teacher will be sharing their attendance with you up to the end of last half term. As a school we aim for 95% attendance from all our pupils. We realise this is not always possible when your child is poorly, but we kindly ask that if possible all appointments are made out of school time, again we know this cannot always be the case. We are sure you will agree we all want our children to succeed and good attendance is proven to give children the maximum learning time possible.

Stay & Celebrate

We invite parents/carers to school **on Monday 11th November** to Stay & Celebrate. This will take place from **3.30-4pm** and will give you the opportunity to look at your child's work prior to parents' evening. This is a lovely opportunity for the children to share their work with family members.



Parents' Evening

Please don't forget to book your parents' evening appointments that are now available.

Young Voices

Rehearsals for 'Young Voices' will start to take place on a Wednesday lunch time for those children who are going. In the rehearsal sessions, the children will learn, through the 'Young Voices' songs, about singing technique, singing in parts, how to sing in different styles and how to perform to an audience. It is not compulsory but encouraged for children to join so they are ready for the exciting trip.

Also a reminder regarding tickets, for those attending Young Voices tickets are now live, you will need to create an account in the music room - <https://yvmusicroom.com/auth/parent/register-referral?code=OTE2MS8xNzI3MjU1NTQ3>.

PSHE

This half-term in PSHE, we will be looking at topics around consent and respectful relationships at an age appropriate level. We wanted to make parents aware due to the nature of the topics covered.

KS1 children will be learning about respect, what it means to ask for permission and what the difference is between acceptable and unacceptable touch and who to tell if someone does make us feel uncomfortable. Pupils will be looking at the NSPCC 'what's in your pants is private' which can also be found here: <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/support-for-parents/pants-underwear-rule/>.

In year 3 and 4 we are going to be looking at how to navigate friendships, unkind behaviour and what to do in the event of bullying and other hurtful behaviour.

Year 5 and 6, they will be looking at acceptable and unacceptable touch, how this makes them and other people feel and also when and why it is important to ask for permission for physical contact.

If anyone has any questions about the content that is being covered, please do get in touch.

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Curriculum Topics

Please find below our curriculum topics for this half term:

	EYFS	Key Stage 1	Key Stage 2
Topic	Celebrations	London's Burning London's Burning	What are the world's natural resources?
English Text	We're All Wonders	Toby and the great fire of London	The last bear (Y3/4) Dreadful Menace (Y5/6)
Science	-Birthdays -Bonfire -Diwali -Christmas traditions	Materials	States of Matter (Y3/4) Properties of materials and Changes of Materials (Y5/6)
History		The Great Fire of London Why do we celebrate bonfire night?	The Shang Dynasty
Geography			Natural resources
DT	Diwali: Clay Diva Lamps	Free Standing structure	Y3/4: Structures: Shell Structures Y5/6: Frame structures
Art	Shape – Printing		
PSHE	Respecting ourselves and others	Respecting myself and others	Respecting myself and others
PE / Physical Development	Letter formation: i l t u w e c o Large ball skills - throwing/ catching	Football skills – dribbling, kicking - Mini-games	Netball Hockey
RE	Why do Christians perform nativity plays at Christmas?	What do Christians believe God looks like?	Why do Christians believe Jesus was the Messiah?
Music	Nativity	Nativity-Singing	Harmonising with nature-Singing
Computing			Computing systems and networks 3: Journey inside a computer
French	Greetings in registration		Birthday celebrations
Trips & Enhancements	Church visit Library Visit	Fire Brigade Great Fire of London Day	

If you would like to find out more about the specific topics including the key knowledge, skills and vocabulary the children will be learning, please look at our curriculum page on our school website. Our teachers have worked hard to create clear and progressive plans to support the children's learning, <https://www.fostonschool.org/page/?title=Curriculum&pid=265>.

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Diary Dates

Event	Date	Key Points
Stay & Celebrate	11th November 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All years 3.30-4pm • A chance to look at the children's books before parents' evening
Parents' Evening	12th November 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All years 5 - 7pm
Parents' Evening	14th November 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All years 3.30 - 5.30pm
Flu Vaccinations	25th November 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reception - year 6
Malton Sports	4th December 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year 3 - 6 • PE kit needed (children will change in school) • No packed lunch needed
Christmas dinner	6th December 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nursery - year 6 • Children to travel to Stillington Primary School by bus
KS2 Christingle	10th December 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year 3 - 6 • 2.30 - 3.30pm • Foston Church
EYFS/KS1 Nativity	10th December 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nursery, Reception, year 1 & 2 • 4 - 4.30pm • Village Hall
Celebration Assembly	Tuesday 17th December 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thorton-Le-Clay Village Hall at 9.15am
Fantastic Friday	20th December 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More information to follow
Christmas	Last day at school - 20th December 2024 First day back - 7th January 2025	
Spring half-term	Last day at school - 14th February 2025 First day back - 24th February 2025	
Easter	Last day at school - 4th April 2025 First day back - 23rd April 2025	
May Day bank holiday	Last day at school - 2nd May 2025 First day back - 6th May 2025	
Summer half - term	Last day at school - 23rd May 2025 First day back - 2nd June 2025	
Summer	Last day at school - 18th July 2025	