

# FOSTON PRIMARY SCHOOL BULLETIN

## Nursery & Reception

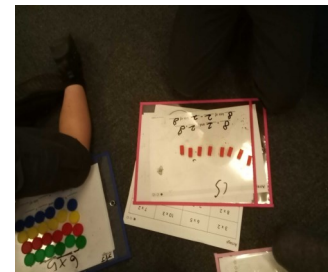
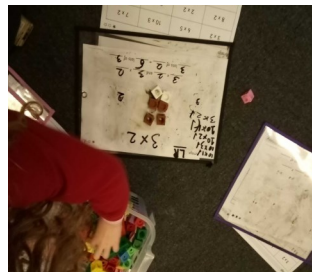
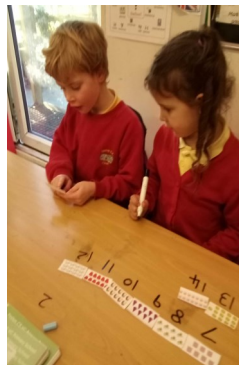
We have had another lovely week together and it has been great to see the children's confidence grow with the regular activities and jobs we complete together. We decided this week we needed some more play dough for our classroom, so the children worked together to use a cup to measure out and pour in the different ingredients and mix them together.

The children especially enjoyed adding some blue food colouring to make it wintery play dough! They have all had lots of fun using the play dough within their play.



## Year 1 & 2

The children have been using objects and pictures to help with their maths this week. The Year 2 children have been using objects for arrays to show multiplication calculations for example,  $3 \times 2$  and the Year 1 children have been ordering pictures from smallest to largest. Both groups have shown great problem solving and discussions. Well done Class 2!



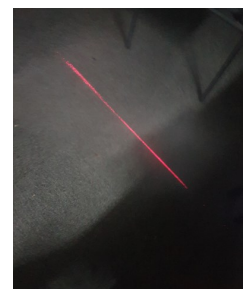
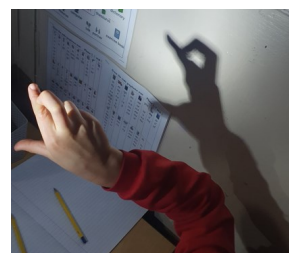
## Year 3 & 4

This term, Class 3 have been learning about Hinduism and aspects of the religion such as belief and worship. We explored how a puja tray is used in Hindu worship as well as explore the different gods and goddesses in the religion.



## Year 5 & 6

This week we have been exploring how light works and determining some characteristics of different objects by defining them as transparent, translucent or opaque. We explored how light travels in a straight line by using laser beams! And made shadow puppets using torches and our hands. In English, we have been planning and writing a diary entry as one of the characters from our book.



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## Storytelling Week

Next week, from **Monday 27<sup>th</sup> January to Friday 31<sup>st</sup> January** is 'World Storytelling Week'. To celebrate we would like to ask for any volunteers to come in to school to share a favourite story with all of the children in your child's class. **This can take place at either 9am once the children first arrive at school or at 3:15pm before the children go home.** If anyone would like to come into school, please email the school office as soon as possible and a day and time will be confirmed with you.

## KS1

On Friday 31st February, we are welcoming back a local artist, Millie McCallum, to carry out a workshop on print making. As the children are using rollers and paint or ink, Millie has warned us that it can get messy and may not be able to be washed off clothes; therefore, please can you send in your child with a messy painting outfit that you don't mind if it gets stains on. I am sure the children will love to get hands on with a professional and will be so proud to tell you about their work.

**Please see attachments.**

## Keeping children safe online

**Would you let 100 or more people you don't know into your home?**

**Do you really know who your children are talking to online or who is watching what they are posting online**

Chances are that if you have a child approaching secondary school age they will soon be clamouring for a) a mobile phone b) a social media account c) a games console - all of which could enable them to chat to complete strangers anywhere in the world or share their content with anyone, anywhere.

Most of us carry the internet in our pockets these days so it's not surprising that our children want the same easy access, and once children get to 9 or 10 years old they are in any case eager to go online and chat to their friends without a parent watching over their shoulder.

**We all want to keep children safe online** and many parents will at some point take action, like **installing filters on their home broadband to stop children seeing unsuitable material, but filters don't protect children from strangers contacting them through social media, mobile apps, or online games.** Some children set up accounts to attract followers and post content online so that people (sometimes strangers) can watch this, **they think it's great they have a large following, but do they really understand the dangers? Without realising the dangers children can give their address away by posting a video near a landmark/commenting on something or be wearing their school uniform in the video making them easily identifiable to anyone.**

**If parents aren't talking to children about things like location or privacy settings** it can leave them at risk of **online grooming.** The NSPCC has seen horrendous cases where offenders take a scattergun approach, **targeting hundreds of children at a time online, often posing as another young person. So, they want all parents to make sure their online knowledge is up to date by checking out their Net Aware guide.**

The guide now covers a vast amount of social networking sites, apps and games popular with children and is free to access at [www.net-aware.org.uk](http://www.net-aware.org.uk).

The digital world is here to stay and it's our job to make sure the next generation take their first steps online safely; aware of the risks, but confident about how to get where they want to be.

## **Setting up parental controls**

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/parental-controls/>

## **Talking to your child about online safety**

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/talking-child-online-safety/>

Over this half term we will be posting information guides to parents about some of the more popular social media apps.



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## Diary Dates

Event	Date	Key Points
Story Telling Week	WC 27th January 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Families are invited into school to read stories</li> <li>Please speak to your child's class teacher</li> </ul>
Drama with Audrie	30th January 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Audrie to work with all classes during the day</li> </ul>
KS1 Print Workshop - Millie McCallum	31st January 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Art clothing required for the workshop as it could get messy</li> </ul>
KS1 Dodgeball	12th February 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Year 1 &amp; 2</li> <li>During school hours</li> </ul>
KS2 Young Voices	12th February 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Optional KS2 trip to be part of the Young Voices Concert</li> <li>Children Need two packed lunches (lunch and tea)</li> <li>Depart in the school day and a late return to school</li> </ul>
Fantastic Friday	14th February 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Careers Fair in school - volunteers needed to help</li> </ul>
Special Lunch—Valentines	14th February 2025	Pizza sub Chips Peas & sweetcorn Love heart biscuit
<b>Spring half-term</b>	<b>Last day at school - 14th February 2025</b> <b>First day back - 24th February 2025</b>	
Special Lunch—World Book Day	6th March 2025	Magic meatballs Hufflepuff (V) Slytherin topped spuds Ollivander's wands Ravenclaw slaw Goodwin's chocolate extravaganza
Special Lunch—Easter	31st March 2025	Roast Chicken, Yorkshire pudding & gravy Veggie sausage (V) Potatoes Carrots & broccoli Easter chocolate nest
<b>Easter</b>	<b>Last day at school - 4th April 2025</b> <b>First day back - 23rd April 2025</b>	
<b>May Day bank holiday</b>	<b>Last day at school - 2nd May 2025</b> <b>First day back - 6th May 2025</b>	
Special Lunch—Street Food	15th May 2025	Chicken nuggets Veggie nuggets (V) Skinny fries BBQ beans Doughnut muffin
<b>Summer half - term</b>	<b>Last day at school - 23rd May 2025</b> <b>First day back - 2nd June 2025</b>	
<b>Summer</b>	<b>Last day at school - 18th July 2025</b>	