

# FOSTON PRIMARY SCHOOL BULLETIN

## Nursery & Reception

This week in Nursery and Reception the children have enjoyed reading our new literacy key text, 'What the Ladybird Heard'. The children loved walking around pretending to be the ladybird thinking about – what would the ladybird hear at Foston School? We found that the ladybird heard birds, cars, vans, music, crunching ice, the squeaky gate, crunchy leaves and children talking. The children in Reception then had a go at writing what the ladybird heard into speech bubbles.



## Year 1 & 2

Class 2 have been enjoying their new Geography topic of Brazil, we have been locating Brazil on a map, looking at features of Brazil in particular the Christ the Redeemer statue. We will be looking at the city of Rio De Janeiro and comparing it to where we live in the next few weeks.



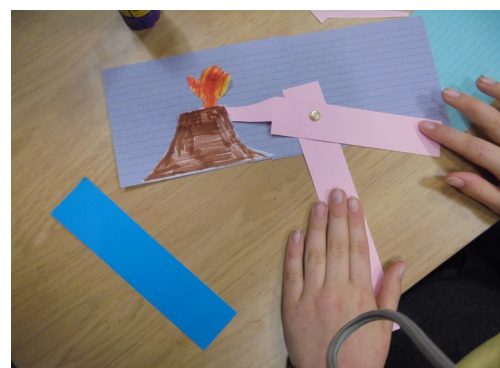
## Year 3 & 4

Class 2 designed their own experiment to measure how different surfaces can affect objects and forces. We used wood, sand, rocks, water and leaves and measured the distance that it rolled down a ramp. We found that friction, air and water resistance affects how a objects moves on a surface.



## Year 5 & 6

This week in Class 4 we have been investigating levers and linkages in DT. In science we have been asking some big questions about forces and gravity and doing lots of practical experiments and recording our data.



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## Message from the Head of School

This week I have enjoyed visiting each of the classrooms at Foston and Stillington. I have been extremely impressed with how our children have been showing our school values at playtime and during their learning. The children were able to clearly articulate their learning with eagerness and joy.

It was also lovely to welcome Christine Johnston our Local Authority Education Advisor into Stillington this week and share with her our revised history curriculum. Our staff members have worked hard to plan a sequenced curriculum for our children across the federation with lots of exciting enrichment activities. Well done to Mr Carlisle for confidently sharing this with Christine as History Leader.



## Library Books

Our school library is starting to come together and we are very excited to begin the next process of organising the books into different genres and age ranges ready to transfer into our new library. All of our library books are currently in the Methodist Church. With this in mind please can **ALL** library books be brought back into school by **Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> January** in order for the books to be correctly sorted.

## KS2 Residential

The residential is fast approaching and we are all extremely excited! Please find attached a kit list for the trip. On the first day, pupils are required to take a packed lunch to have when we arrive. You may order a packed lunch from school by choosing from the following: cheese, ham and tuna mayo. Please can you inform the school office by **Friday 26<sup>th</sup> January** should you require one. **Please can I remind parents the cost of this trip is available to pay on your ParentPay account.**

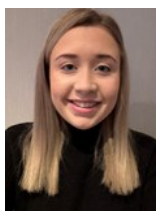
## ParentPay

**ParentPay is up to date, please can I ask parents to check your accounts and clear any outstanding balance. For those attending extra-curricular activities these can be found under 'pay for other items'.**

## Staffing Update Foston



We would like to officially welcome Mrs Bethany Buckby to our staff team. Mrs Buckby will be working at Foston as a lunchtime supervisor.



Miss Amy Skilling will also continue working at Foston on a Thursday and Friday. As a trained teacher, Miss Skilling will be taking the lead in the Early Years Class on a Thursday alongside Miss Hendry and Mrs Gibson. Miss Skilling will also continue to lead wrap around.

Mrs Allon has been extremely busy in her new role as Pastoral and Attendance lead across the Federation. She will therefore be non-class based until Easter. We thank Mrs Allon for her continued hard work and dedication in ensuring the best support for our children and families.

## Opera North Presents 'CINDERELLA'

We are delighted to confirm that Opera North are returning to the Milton Rooms this February half term with Cinderella! There will be two performances, one at 11am and one at 2pm along with crafting sessions for children before the show begins.

*The much-loved fairy tale, but not quite as you know it. Join us for a fun, family-friendly magical adventure where fate and love triumph all! Led by a cast of professional opera singers and musicians we invite you to an interactive and relaxed concert where singing and movement is encouraged. Experience the magic of opera, storytelling and music, whatever your age!*

## NCMP

Please see attachment.

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### Diary Dates

All library books to be returned	Tuesday 23rd January
KS1 Malton Sports	Wednesday 7th February
<b>Spring half-term</b>	<b>Friday 9th February (last day at school)</b> <b>Monday 19th February (first day back)</b>
KS2 Residential Trip	Monday 19th February-Wednesday 21st February
<b>Easter</b>	<b>Friday 22nd March (last day at school)</b> <b>Tuesday 9th April (first day back)</b>
<b>May Day bank holiday</b>	<b>Friday 3rd May (last day at school)</b> <b>Tuesday 7th May (first day back)</b>
<b>Summer half-term</b>	<b>Friday 24th May (last day at school)</b> <b>Monday 3rd June (first day back)</b>
<b>Summer</b>	<b>Friday 19th July (last day at school)</b>