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Nursery & Reception

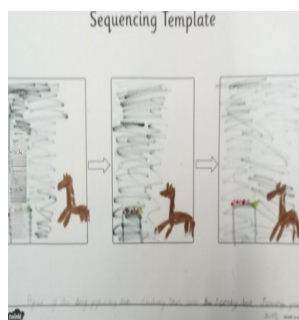
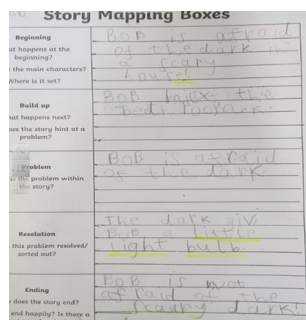
The children in Nursery and Reception have been greatly enjoying their learning about the 'Rainforest' as part of our Habitats topics. To further develop our understanding of the animals that lived in the rainforest we created some rainforest masks! The children concentrated really hard to select a rainforest animals and to carefully painting and adding detail to their masks. You'll have to ask the children which animals they can remember!



Year 1 & 2

Another busy week in Class 2! We had a fabulous drama session with Audrie on Monday, our favourite part was working with a partner to tell a story together. The catch is you have to take it in turns saying only one word! If you have some spare time maybe you could try it out at home. In English we are using a story we have been studying in detail to write our own stories. We are using the story about how a boy conquers his fears of the dark. We have changed elements to make the stories our own!

We have also enjoyed developing our computing skills, we have enjoyed playing a game "Dragon drop" to enhance our skills using a touch pad. The children will be then using a programme called "Scratch" to make algorithms later in the term.



Year 3 & 4

Class 3 have had a superb week. In our RE lessons, we have been talking about what the Holy Trinity is and why it is important for Christians. We used our art skills to draw trinity shields and discussed why baptism is central to Christian faith.



Year 5 & 6

This week in Class 4 we have been very busy researching gravity and creating our own presentations to explain what forces can do. In DT we have successfully created some waving hands using linkages and levers. In French we have been practising our pronunciation of common French greetings and ordering food. C'était super!



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Science Club

What fun the children have had in the first two weeks of science club.

In week one the children made their own slime. They learnt that the slime turns from a solid to a liquid by manipulating it with their hands.

In week 2 the children looked at chemical reaction when making bubbling wizards brew and the density of different liquids.



KS1 Dodgeball Event — Wednesday 7th February

All KS1 children have been invited to take part in a dodgeball event at Malton Sports Centre, this event is part of the school day. The children will be having their lunch before they leave the school site. They will travel with staff by coach to and from the event and should be home by the end of the school day.

Children are asked to come into school in their uniform and will get changed at school into their PE kits and school jumpers.

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'.

PAFFS

Please find attached a poster for the next upcoming PAFFS event; "Colour Fun Disco" on **Sunday 25th February from 3 - 5pm**. Tickets can be purchased for £5 per child from the PAFFS team (Ness Jones, Vicky Raven, Sarah Balding, Helen Shields, Helen Richardson or Frances Foster). Any questions or queries please speak to PAFFS.

WhatsApp

WhatsApp is becoming an increasingly popular tool for communication for parents and children. Please find attached a useful guide to safe use of WhatsApp for children. It should be noted that the guidance age is 16 plus in the UK.

Keeping our Children Safe Online

One in three 8-year-olds in Britain own a smartphone and that proportion rises to more than 90% by the time children reach 12. This concerted increase, driven by factors both personal (blossoming independence) and practical (the transition to secondary school) – makes it all the more valuable for young people to know how to use such devices safely.

Indeed, more than half of parents (52%) surveyed by Ofcom admitted to worrying about their child being bullied via their mobile phone – and with hazards like scams, screen addiction and inappropriate content to consider, that's far from the only risk around. Please see the attached guide which pulls together some simple but solid smartphone safety tips.

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Parent Governor Vacancy

FST Primary Schools Federation Governing Body are seeking a new Parent Governor to join us in shaping the future of our federation of schools. This is a great opportunity to make a real difference to the lives of children at our schools and contribute to the Federation's ongoing success.

We are looking for an enthusiastic and dedicated parent who can offer supportive challenge to the leadership of our Federation. You do not need leadership or education experience, just a desire to support and improve the lives of the whole FST community including children, families, and staff; and a proactive approach to becoming involved as a member of a team.

In return we can offer you:

- a chance to develop skills in strategic management
- the opportunity to work with our team of governors and staff in improving our schools
- a sense of achievement in making a positive difference
- the pleasure of helping our children reach their potential

If you are interested in joining us, please see the attached letter and nomination papers for more information. The closing date for nominations is Friday 9 February 2024.

Please do get in touch (via the school office) if you would like an initial informal chat about the role.

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Diary Dates

Sharing Assembly	Wednesday 7th February, 9.10am Wednesday 20th March, 9.10am Wednesday 22nd May, 9.10am Wednesday 17th July, 9.10am
KS1 Malton Sports	Wednesday 7th February
Fantastic Friday	Friday 9th February
Spring half-term	Friday 9th February (last day at school) Monday 19th February (first day back)
KS2 Residential Trip	Monday 19th February—Wednesday 21st February
KS1 York Mosque	Wednesday 21st February
PAFFS Colour Fun Disco	Sunday 25th February, 3-5pm
EYFS Farm Visit	Wednesday 6th March
Sports Enhancement Day	Tuesday 12th March
Parents Evening	Tuesday 12th March, 5-7pm Thursday 14th March, 3.30-5.30pm
Easter Service	Wednesday 20th March, 2.30pm
Easter	Friday 22nd March (last day at school) Tuesday 9th April (first day back)
May Day bank holiday	Friday 3rd May (last day at school) Tuesday 7th May (first day back)
Summer half-term	Friday 24th May (last day at school) Monday 3rd June (first day back)
Summer	Friday 19th July (last day at school)