

FOSTON PRIMARY SCHOOL BULLETIN

Nursery & Reception

Across this half term in our literacy lessons, we have been reading the story 'Supertato'. The children have loved reading about the adventures of Supertato and the evil pea and this week there was some peas on the loose! The children in nursery and reception had to use their funky fingers to pick up the peas with the tweezers to put them back in the bowls before they are marched back to the freezer! We have also enjoyed reading other Supertato stories together during our daily story times. The children have greatly enjoyed this activity this week!



Year 1 & 2

We have been having a lot of fun exploring seasonal changes as part of our science topic this half term. So far, we've explored the order the seasons move in and the celebrations linked to each season. Given how changeable the weather has been recently it seems appropriate that we have made rain gauges to collect rain fall around school as we find out how weather changes during the different seasons.



Year 3 & 4

We have had a lovely week where we visited Howsham Mill as part of our fieldwork. Our enquiry question for our fieldtrip was, 'how are rivers used in our local area?'. During our trip to Howsham Mill, we discovered how the water wheel is used to generate electricity. We drew a field sketch of the mill making annotations of the mill's importance to the local community. We used our forest school skills to make delicious s'mores.

In class we are studying the book 'The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe' and as part of our learning we will be watching scenes from the 2005 film which is rated PG. We have already been reading a lot of the book and the children would benefit from seeing different scenes from the book to compare.

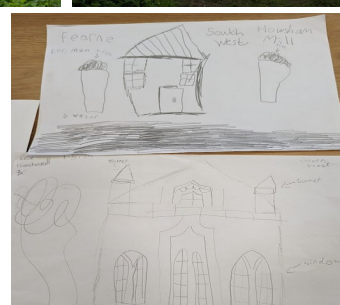
The film revolves around Lucy and her siblings who find a wardrobe that lands them in a mystical place called Narnia. They unite with a lion (Aslan) to defeat an evil queen.

If you are not happy for us to show this to your child, please contact the office by 13th April. If you have any questions or concerns please let Mr Yip know at collection time or with a message in planners.



Year 5 & 6

This week in Class 4 we really enjoyed our fieldwork trip to Howsham Mill. We practised and completed field sketches in geography and on our trip. In English we have started planning our own narrative and have been thinking hard about creating characters and a believable story using our 'story mountain' template.



KS2 Art

As part of our work in art this half term the children looked at tessellation this week and very much enjoyed experimenting with the patterns they could make using the following link if you would like to have a look at home <https://www.mathsisfun.com/geometry/tessellation-artist.html>.

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Staffing Update

It is with sadness that I share that Matt Marshal, who currently teaches Y5/6 at Foston, will be leaving us at the end of the academic year. I know you will all join me in thanking him for everything he has done for our federation in a variety of roles and wish him success in the future. Matt has been an amazing colleague and support to the children during his time with us.

I am pleased to share that after an interview process on Tuesday we will be inviting Mr Neil Carlisle back to Foston in the role of Year 5/6 teacher and federation SENCO. Neil will be starting transition into the SENCO role over the course of this term alongside Miss Stringer in order to get to know the three schools from a SEND perspective.

From September Mrs Hunter will return to full time teaching in September at Stillington.

Earrings

Please can we remind parents/ carers that if your child has their ears pierced then their earrings must be covered with tape for days when they have P.E. lessons or that earrings are removed on these days for P.E. lessons. Should your child instead bring in tape to put on and need assistance putting the tape on then we will then of course help them to do so. Thank you for your cooperation.

Donations

Recently, our very well-loved play till has broken in EYFS after providing lots of fun and learning. Before we look to purchase another, I wondered whether any of our families have a play till or play money at home that they no longer need that they would instead like to donate to our nursery and reception children? Thank you for your continued support.

Cricket Fundraising Day

To tie in with the cricketing T20 world cup competition which starts in June we have organised a fantastic opportunity for our children to learn both about cricket and raise money at the same time! We are excited to welcome Tom Bates who represents North Yorkshire Community Cricket to run some cricket workshops and to talk to the children about the successes of local cricketers who now play at a national level.

This exciting event will take place on **Monday 13th May at Foston school**. All the children need are their PE kits.

Alongside developing our bowling and batting skills we would like your children to raise money which will go towards the charities selected for their support earlier in the year.

A sponsorship form will be sent home, these will need to be returned once the children have completed the cricket day along with any sponsorship raised. Please don't feel pressure to raise a large amount, the children having fun and learning new skills is the main priority.

Reminder - proposal to change the length of the school day

Just a quick reminder that if you would like to comment on the Governing Board's proposal to change the school finish time from 3.15pm to 3.30pm with effect from Sept 2024, you can contribute your views by;

- e-mailing a response to consultation@foston.n-yorks.sch
- completing the Forms Questionnaire here: <https://forms.office.com/e/ydwn48NfwU>
- dropping a written response, marked 'FST GB', into the school office

Many thanks to those who have already responded - all responses received before 12md on 10 May 2024 will be considered by Governors at our Full Governing Board meeting on 20 May 2024, before a final decision is made.

Corinne Cross
FST Chair of Governors

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Financial Assistance

You may be eligible to apply for free school meals if you receive one of the following income-related benefits. Even though your child may already receive them now if they are in years Reception, Year 1 or Year 2, it is worth applying as children who are recorded as eligible for free school meals will continue with free school meals for 6 years (referred to as Ever 6FSM).

- Income Support
- Income-based Job Seekers' Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Child Tax Credit combined with both a household income below £16,190 per annum and not in receipt of any Working Tax Credit
- Support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Guarantee Element of state Pension Credit
- Universal Credit and annual household earning of less than £7,400

You can apply for free school meals here <https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/education-and-learning/free-school-meals>.

Although this is not a personal allowance for each child, children claiming and receiving free school meals have in some instances the opportunity for the money to also be used for:

- Extra-curricular clubs
- Support with costings of trips
- Tutoring (years 1-6)
- Extra support for teaching assistants in class and through interventions

As well as the money being used for the developments of the curriculum and reading resources. So please if you feel that you fit this criteria, complete the form in the link above.

The Yorkshire Arboretum

Our Nature Rangers Day is available to book in May half term, it is suitable for children aged five to eleven. Indoor and outdoor activities to explore the arboretum and learn about the plants and creatures that we share it with. There will be a chance to experience planting and crafts, plus walking, collecting, and exploring the grounds for minibeasts. There will be hands on activities, so bring a bag to take your creations home with you. We recommend bringing a packed lunch or plan to eat at the Arboretum Café. It costs £15 to attend. Booking is essential. Children to be accompanied by an adult. Please bring outdoor clothes and footwear.

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Growing up in North Yorkshire

As part of North Yorkshire surveys, we have been asked to complete a questionnaire aimed at KS1 and KS2 named Growing Up In North Yorkshire (GUNY) to better support their development and understanding within the PSHE curriculum. We will be conducting these questionnaires over this month with the following year groups:

- KS1 questionnaire - Y2/3/4
- KS2 Questionnaire - Y5/6

Please find attached guidance and further information. We have a paper copy of the electronic questionnaires in school for you to look through should you wish. These will remain on the school site.

If you have any questions, please contact the school office addressed to Miss Tordoff.

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Diary Dates

KS2 Swimming	Friday 12th April—Friday 24th May
May Day bank holiday	Friday 3rd May (last day at school) Tuesday 7th May (first day back)
Multi-faith Day	Wednesday 8th May
Y6 SATS	Monday 13th May—Thursday 16th May
Free School Meal (complete forms link by 1st May https://forms.office.com/e/5HMKw1gpbX)	Thursday 16th May
Sharing Assembly	Wednesday 22nd May, 9.10am Wednesday 17th July, 9.10am
Y6 Bikeability	Wednesday 22nd May & Thursday 23rd May
Y3/4 Malton Sports	Wednesday 22nd May
Fantastic Friday	Friday 24th May
Summer half-term	Friday 24th May (last day at school) Monday 3rd June (first day back)
KS1 Sealife Centre Trip	Friday 14th June
KS2 Ampleforth Trip	Wednesday 26th June
KS1 Malton Sports	Wednesday 26th June
Sports Day	Tuesday 2nd July
Y6 Leavers Trip (tbc)	Wednesday 10th July
Leavers' service	Tuesday 16th July 2.30pm
Summer	Friday 19th July (last day at school) Tuesday 3rd September (first day back)