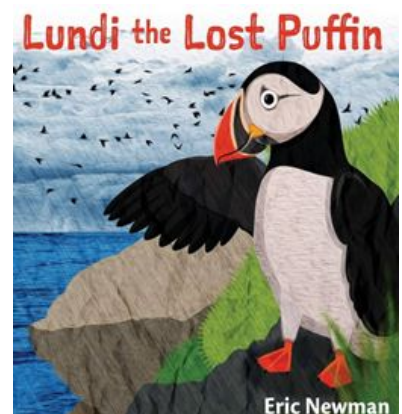


# Peek at the Week



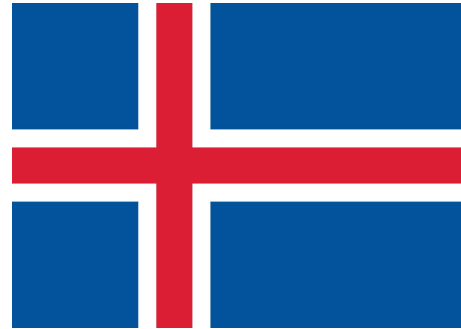
## Around the World Week - Iceland

This week we visited Iceland and what a wonderful time we have all had! We started the week by flying to Iceland and talking about the change in weather... It is very cold in Iceland! When we arrived, we explored the icebergs and watched how they slowly move across the water. Afterwards, we were introduced to Puffins. There are more Puffins in Iceland than any part of the world. We read the story 'Lundi the Lost Puffin' and we discovered that a baby Puffin is called a Puffling. The local children often have to rescue Pufflings as the lights from the city confuse them and they lose sight of the ocean. The children enjoyed cutting and sticking beaks and feet to create their own Puffin. We learned about volcanoes and how the magma builds up pressure before exploding out of the top to form lava that flows down the side. The children then experimented with vinegar, bicarbonate of soda and food dye to create their own volcanoes. We visited a hot spa and Geysers, which we replicated outside using lemonade and mentos! On Thursday we made a traditional Icelandic bread called Rugbraud. It is made with rye flour and is slightly sweet. It cooks overnight - sometimes under the hot soil and ash near a hot spring. Ours has been cooked in an oven and we can all taste it on Monday, when the grown ups come to visit, after school. On Friday we learnt about the Northern Lights (Aurora Borealis) and made our own chalk pictures to show how beautiful these lights are. Before we flew home we talked about all the wonderful things we had seen in Iceland. We cannot wait to go again!



# Around the World

Parents and Carers are invited to 'visit' all the countries that the children have been learning about, on Monday 24th November, after school. Take a tour of the school to find out what the children have been learning.



## Forest School



The children will have Forest School sessions on a Thursday morning with Riad. The classes will go every other week. We are looking for parents who would be available to support us with these sessions either weekly or on a rota basis. If you think you can help please contact your class teacher (see email addresses below).

### Forest School timetable:

#### **November**

r27th - Bronze

#### **December**

4th - Silver

11th - Bronze

18th - Silver

Thank you to all the parents who have helped at Forest School. The children are loving having parents come to help. We can always take more!

# Ordering Christmas Cards

If you have not ordered your child's design of Christmas card, and would still like to, you have until 1 December, to order through school. After that, you will need to order directly

at: <https://shop.classfundraising.co.uk/> using the code on your proof card.

## The Christmas Nativity

We have started learning our Nativity songs and some of the children already know their lines. Please keep practising.

If you have not received your child's Nativity letter or lines, please check your child's book bag.



## Education Wellbeing Service Webinar

### Building Strong Bonds: How to build Healthy and Secure Attachment/Relationships with Children

Join us for an insightful workshop designed for parents and carers, where we will explore the Circle of Security model, a proven approach to fostering secure and healthy attachments with children.

This session will guide you through the fundamental principles of the model, helping you understand your child's emotional needs and how to respond in ways that build trust and security.

You will learn strategies to enhance your caregiving skills, promoting a strong, supportive bond that nurtures your child's development and well-being.



#### DATE / TIME

Monday 8th December  
1.00-2.00pm



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QR code  
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#### LOCATION

Online - Hosted on Teams

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#### DATE / TIME

Thursday 11th December  
7.00-8.00pm



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## Education Wellbeing Service Webinar

### Understanding and Supporting Your Child's Sleep



The topic of sleep comes up a lot during our discussions with parents and carers and it's something that can impact the whole family.

During this webinar we'll look at why sleep is so important for our children, how to create the right environment and routine to aid high quality sleep, the importance of independent settling, and some common sleep challenges for families.

#### DATE / TIME

Tuesday 9th December  
1.00-2.00pm



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# Reception Parent/Carer Events 2025-26



## September

Welcome to Reception  
Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup>  
8:30-9:15am  
Copper Class to  
Bronze Class)

## October

Early Birds: Fine Motor  
Activities  
Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup>  
8:30-9:15am  
Bronze and Silver  
Classrooms.

## November

Phonics Workshop  
Thursday 6<sup>th</sup>  
8:30-9:15am  
Copper Class

## December

EYFS Nativity  
Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup>  
9:30-10:30am  
Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup>  
2:15-3:15pm  
Main Hall

## January

Maths Workshop  
Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup>  
January  
8:30-9:15am  
Copper Class

## February

Live Maths Meeting  
Thursday 12<sup>th</sup>  
2:45-3:15pm  
Bronze and Silver  
Classrooms.

## March

Early Birds: Maths  
Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup>  
8:30-9:15am  
Bronze and Silver  
Classrooms

## April

Live Phonics  
Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup>  
8:45-9:30am  
Bronze and Silver  
Classrooms

## May

Family Reading  
Celebration  
Friday 8<sup>th</sup>  
2:45-3:15pm  
Bronze and Silver  
Classrooms

## June

Bronze Class  
Assembly  
Friday 19<sup>th</sup>  
9:00-9:30am  
Main Hall

## July

Silver Class Assembly  
Friday 3<sup>rd</sup>  
9:00-9:30am  
Main Hall

Early Bird: Summer Holiday  
Activities  
Friday 10<sup>th</sup>  
8:30-9:15am

## August

SUMMER  
HOLIDAYS

## Important dates

**Around the World - Monday 24th 3:30 - to 4pm** - visit classes around the school and see which country each class visited!

**FODS Christmas Fair - Saturday 29th November -**

**Donkey Visit - Friday 12th December**

**EYFS Nativity (In the Main Hall)-**

**Tuesday 16th December- 9:30am**

**Wednesday 17th December- 2:15pm**

**Last Day Autumn 2 - Friday 19th December**

## **School Dinner Menu**

The school dinner menu can be found on the school website at:

<https://www.dorchesterprimary.com/page/?title=School+Lunch&pid=114>

## Contact emails

If you would like to contact any of us by email. We will reply as soon as possible within school working hours.

Mrs Annabel Glover-EYFS lead/Nursery [aglover13@suttonmail.org](mailto:aglover13@suttonmail.org)

Miss Munaza Ahmad - Silver Class [mahmad68@suttonmail.org](mailto:mahmad68@suttonmail.org)

Mrs Tammy Rich- Bronze Class [trich18@suttonmail.org](mailto:trich18@suttonmail.org)

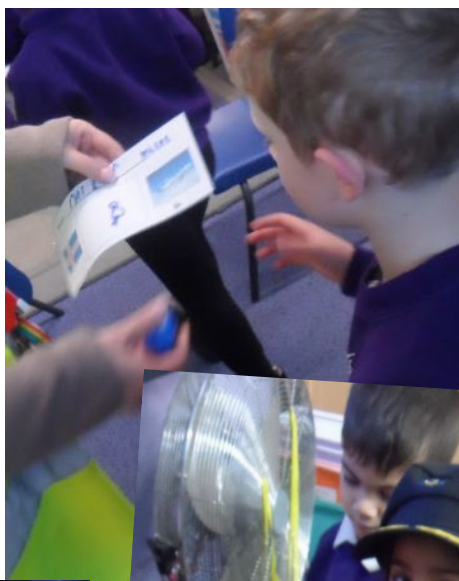
Please share these photos with your child as a prompt to talk about this week's activities.



We boarded the plane and flew all the way to Iceland.

How did we fly to Iceland?

What did you see?





As we have been learning about Iceland, we looked at geysers and had a go at experimenting to make our very own geysers.

**How did we make the geysers?**

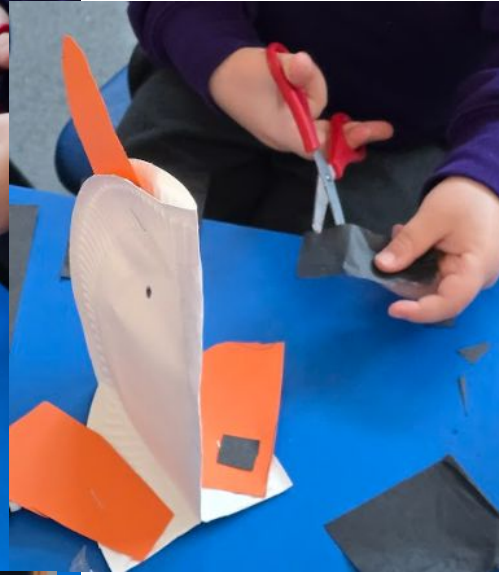
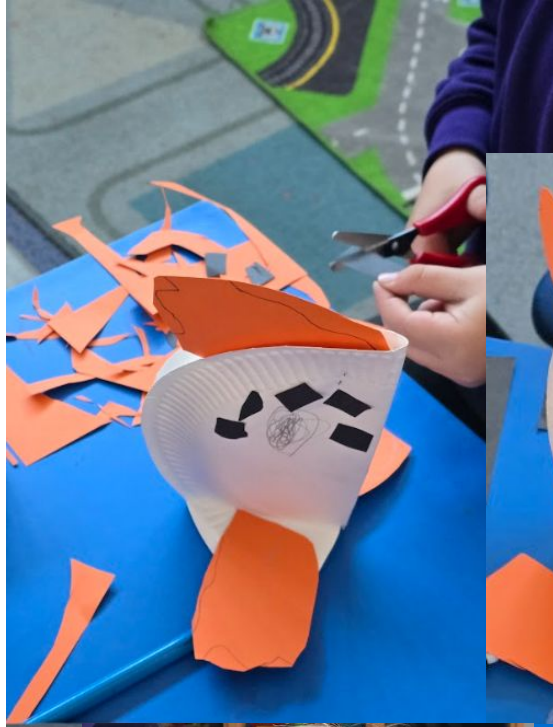
**What did we add to the lemonade to make it explode?**



We have learnt a lot of incredible facts about puffins and had a go at creating our very own!

What can you tell your grown-ups about puffins?

Why do we need to save the puffins?







**What did we add to the volcanoes to make them erupt?**

**What happens when the volcano erupts?**



**What do you remember about the icebergs? Do they float or sink? Do they stay in one place or move around?**



How did we make rugbraud -  
icelandic rye bread? Do you  
remember what was in the recipe?  
Rye flour, wholewheat flour, salt,  
baking soda, yogurt, molasses, golden  
syrup

Make sure you try some on Monday!