



Phoenix Infant and Nursery School

Newsletter

16th March 2025



Last week was National Science Week, and the theme was 'Change and Adapt', providing an excellent opportunity for our children to explore the fascinating concept of change through various engaging activities across all year groups.

In Foundation Stage 2 (F2), the children embarked on a delightful journey by immersing themselves in the story of the Gingerbread Man. This engaging tale set the stage for a midweek baking session, where the children got hands-on, mixing ingredients to create their very own gingerbread men. The highlight of the week came when they conducted an experiment to observe how gingerbread men reacted in different substances. By using oil, cola, and water, the children learned about the changes over time. They discovered that while the gingerbread men dissolved in water, they remained unaffected by oil. This simple yet fascinating experiment provided a tangible understanding of how different substances can alter the properties of something as familiar as a biscuit.

Moving on to Year 1, the children delved into the changes that occur in corn when heated. Each child made predictions about what they thought would happen, enhancing their critical thinking skills and allowing them to express their ideas freely. When the corn was heated, they were astonished to see it transform into fluffy, delicious popcorn. Year 1 also explored the lifecycle of a butterfly, learning about the remarkable transformations as a creature develops from an egg to a caterpillar, then to a chrysalis, and finally into a butterfly. To wrap up the week, the children conducted an investigation into the effects of water on kitchen roll with felt tip colours. They made predictions before soaking the kitchen roll, and were filled with awe as vibrant colours spread, creating a beautiful rainbow. This hands-on activity highlighted the concept of change while igniting their joy in science.

In Year 2, the excitement continued with a stunning skittles experiment. The children arranged skittles in a circular pattern on a plate and poured hot water, cold water, and milk over them. Witnessing the marvellous transformation as the skittles dissolved and produced beautiful rainbows thrilled them. The quick performance of hot water, creating the largest rainbow, while cold water and milk followed more slowly, spurred engaging discussions about the scientific principles behind their observations. Additionally, the children participated in a freezing liquids experiment, discovering that thicker liquids like honey take longer to freeze.

Overall, Science Week has been a tremendous success, enabling the children to engage in practical science while fostering curiosity and exploration. The memories created and knowledge gained will reinforce their understanding of the many changes we encounter in both nature and everyday life. We hope to inspire them to ask even more questions and continue their journey of discovery in the world of science.

Thank you for your ongoing support. We look forward to sharing more exciting learning experiences with you and your children in the future!



Name of Liquid	Do You Think It Will Freeze? yes (✓) no (✗)	What Happened? Did It Freeze? yes (✓) no (✗)
honey	Slimy sticky and smooth	Slimy and more thick
Viniger	hard and rocky	Slipery a bit soft
Milk	Just smooth and hard	Milk 10ly
oil	icy ✓	White Slipery
Sany liquid	Freezeing	all saopy and Emraed
Water	iced ✓	It was all Freezeing
Oran8 Juice	hard solid	Smells good and gummy





We're excited to announce that this Friday, 21st March 2025, we will be celebrating Red Nose Day! It's a wonderful opportunity for our children to join in on the fun and help make a difference in the lives of those in need. On this special day, children are invited to come to school in non-uniform, showcasing as much red as they'd like. Whether it's a red T-shirt, trousers, or accessories, we encourage them to let their creativity shine while supporting a great cause!

Throughout the week, we will be learning about Red Nose Day and the vital role it plays in fundraising for various charities. Our lessons will focus on how the money raised helps individuals and communities facing challenges, both in the UK and around the world. It's a fantastic way for our children to understand the importance of empathy, generosity, and the impact of their contributions.

We have planned an array of fun activities for Friday, including games and craft activities! It promises to be a day filled with laughter and learning, all while supporting an important cause.

If you would like to make a voluntary donation, please visit [JustGiving for Comic Relief](#) - and donate directly, do not send cash into school. Every little helps, and we appreciate your support in making a difference.



THANK YOU!



Wow! We are absolutely thrilled to share some fantastic news with you! Our recent sponsored read event has raised a staggering £1045! A massive thank you to everyone who participated and contributed - your support means the world to us and our children!

With the wonderful partnership from Usborne Books, who generously add 60% to the amount raised, we are delighted to announce that we will receive an incredible total of **£1,627** to help replenish our library stock. This funding will significantly enhance our collection, allowing us to introduce a wide variety of exciting and engaging books that will foster a love of reading among our children.

Reading is not only essential for academic success, but it also provides joy and escape, igniting imagination and creativity. By supporting this initiative, you've played a crucial role in promoting literacy and cultivating a lifelong love for reading.

We want our children to dive into the world of books, exploring new characters and plotlines, while developing their skills in a fun and enjoyable way. With the new titles arriving soon, we are confident they will inspire our little readers and encourage them to share their thoughts and experiences with each other.

Thank you once again for your tremendous support! We are excited to see how our new books will spark joy and curiosity in our children. Happy reading!

Diary dates

- **Friday 21st March - Red Nose Day**
- **Monday 24th March and Wednesday 26th March 2025 - F2 Parents evening (Classes 1 and 2)**
- **Tuesday 25th March and Thursday 27th March 2025 - KS1 Parents evening (Classes 3,4,5 and 6)**
- **Friday 4th April 2025- Last day of term (Easter Fun Day - details to follow)**

Summer

- **Tuesday 22nd April - First day of summer Term**
- **Half term - Monday 26 May 2025 to Friday 30 May 2025**
- **W/C 9th June 2025 - Year 1 Phonics Screening**
- **Thursday 12th June 2025 - Year 2 Residential to Gulliver's Valley - details to follow**
- **Wednesday 18th June 2025 9.30 am - KS1 Sports day 9.30am**
- **Tuesday 25th June 2025 - F1/F2 Sports day 10.00am / 2.00pm**
- **Friday 4th July 2025- INSET DAY**
- **Thursday 24th July 2025 - Year 2 Leavers assembly 2.00pm**
- **Friday 25th July 2025- Last day of term- END OF ACADEMIC YEAR**