



# Foxhills Infant School



## Newsletter - Spring Term 1



**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2024**

### Welcome to our Foxhills Infant School Newsletter.

Here is a roundup of the wonderful things your children have been doing since Christmas and some important notices and dates for your diary.

### Year R - What a Wonderful World



This half term we have got 'hands on' with the world around us and have had the chance to look at some fantastic texts, such as 'Tidy' by Emily Gravett and 'Here We Are' by Oliver Jeffers, to influence our thinking and play.

We have thought about sustainability, the environment and our roles and responsibilities. The children have worked hard on litter picking, cleaning and thinking of ways to contribute to life at school.

We have learnt about seasons, in particular winter, and enjoyed getting hands on during our cold spell, playing with ice and frost. We have since planted some bulbs and are looking forward to watching them grow.

In reading, we have learnt about characters, settings, sequencing and have begun to think about

retelling stories. We have created new home corners and have enjoyed role play!

The children have taken part in daily 'dough disco' and have enjoyed developing their fine motor skills in a creative way.

We have broadened our creativity through learning about Chinese New Year and have enjoyed using percussion instruments in our dragon dance.

We have also learnt about some incredible historical figures who have had an impact on our understanding of the world, including David Attenborough



### Year 1 - Three, Two, One... Blast off!



This half term started with the discovery of a scene where an astronaut had landed! The children discovered a letter from NASA asking them to write back and tell them everything they had learnt about space.

In History, the children thoroughly enjoyed learning about space. All of the children have been curious learners asking lots of questions about Neil Armstrong and the moon landing. They all wrote amazing space adventure stories and newspaper articles to show off everything they know about space. Within these pieces of writing they used their knowledge of conjunctions to write a mixture of simple and compound sentences, which as a result led to really interesting pieces of writing.

In Geography, the children learnt about the UK. They know lots of facts about the four different countries; England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland. Ask them to tell you about the flag and capital city of each country!

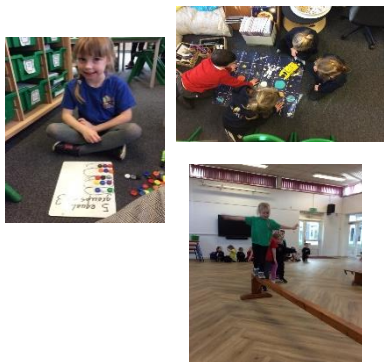
The children have worked really hard in their mathematics, learning about shapes, multiplication and division



(grouping and sharing) and fractions. The children really enjoyed learning all the shape names and identifying the shapes by their properties.

In Computing, the children explored in groups how to programme the BeeBots and created a pathway to reach a destination on a space mat.

In the last week of term, the children designed and built their own moving moon buggies. The children loved the whole design process and really enjoyed the junk modelling. Both Hedgehogs and Squirrels class took part in Take One Picture organised by the National Art Gallery. From a given picture the children came up with lots of creative ideas and as a result were inspired to paint their own space pictures which they decided to put together in an arch way that they also built. The children loved being able to express their creativity in both Art and DT, we have some fantastic creative minds in year 1!



## Year 2 – All Aboard!



The children in Year Two were fully immersed in all things Titanic this half term.

Their topic began with a trip to the Sea City Museum which the children thoroughly enjoyed as they learned all sorts of interesting things about the Titanic. They took part in a guided tour around the museum as well as a workshop to discover more about what life was like on board.

In Science, we continued learning about different materials and how they are suitable for making particular things, including absorbent materials that could be used to mop up spillages on board the ship.

In Geography lessons, the children learned to recognise landmarks and basic human and physical features by studying cities, important to the story of the Titanic. The children then developed their map work skills as they learned to devise their own maps and use and create their own symbols in a key.

In Design Technology, the children thoroughly enjoyed designing and making their own landmarks to form part of a class cityscape and in art they created their own portholes to show their view from the Titanic, inspired by the work of Monet.

In Computing, the children learned about how to program BeeBots and then took part in a really exciting robotics workshop where they got to create their

own robots. The children also created their own Titanic adventure stories. We are impressed with their stories, their developing vocabulary and the way in which they are using their prior knowledge to become more independent writers.

We also had a visit from the fire service who taught us how to stay safe. Excellent work Year 2!



## Important Notices

### Inset Days for 2024

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2024

### No Drive Zone

08:20-08:45



15:00-15:25

Please could we remind families that the drive way is a 'No turning around' zone. We must insist on this for the safety of our visitors on site.

### Parking Reminder

Please ensure you are parking with caution around the school area. We recently took a call from a local resident who raised concerns about parents parking opposite the road entrance outside Birchlands close. Please ensure when you park this is mindful of residents and safeguards our children and their families.



### Appointments

If your child has a morning appointment please either email or call the school office to notify us. **If your child requires a hot lunch that day please ensure you order this before 9am.**

### February Half Term Clubs and Events



If you require childcare for the February half term you can find out about local holiday clubs on our school website under the

Information > Parent Resources  
> Local Activities, Club and Event  
<https://www.foxhillsinf.hants.sch.uk/page/?title=Local+Holiday+Activities&pid=108>

### Hampshire Healthy Families: School Readiness

If you have a child due to start school in September 2024, Hampshire Healthy Families have useful resources available to help with the transition. You can find out more information by clicking this link:

<https://www.hampshirehealthyfamilies.org.uk/school-readiness>



### Hampshire Libraries – Free Online Courses for Parents



Free online courses on Positive Parenting, Raising Resilient Children and an Introduction to Paediatric First Aid are being offered to parents by Hampshire Libraries.

You can find information on how to book on our school website, under the **Parent Resources > Mental Health & Wellbeing tab.**

<https://www.foxhillsinf.hants.sch.uk/attachments/download.asp?file=375&type=pdf>

### Community Policing report

Please follow the link below for January's beat report.

<https://www.foxhillsinf.hants.sch.uk/page/?title=Community+Policing&pid=109>



### Girlguiding World Thinking Day

On Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> February it is Girl Guiding World Thinking Day and children are invited to wear their Rainbow, Brownie or Guide uniform to school for the day.



## **Diary Dates:**



**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February** – Federation  
Celebration of Work at 2.30pm

**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February** – Last day of term

**12<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> February** – Half Term

**Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February** – INSET day

**Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> February** – Term starts

**Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> February** – Girlguiding  
World Thinking Day

**4<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> March** – Mother's Day Gift  
Shop (TBC)

**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March** - Year 1  
Planetarium science museum visit

**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March** – Michael Rossen  
Online Author experience (all classes)

**Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March** – Year 1 MAST  
Mayflower Theatre trip

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March** – World Book  
Day 'Book Character' Dress down day

**Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March** – Year 2 parents'  
assessment information meeting  
2.45pm & 5.00pm

**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March** – Infant Reports to  
Parents

**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March** – Easter service at  
Colbury Church

**Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March** – Squirrels Class  
drumming concert 9am-9.15am

**Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March** - Hedgehogs  
Class drumming concert 2.45-3.00pm

**Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March** – Owls Class  
drumming concert 9.00-9.15am

**Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March** – Rocksteady  
Concert to parents 2.30pm

**Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March** – Robins  
Class drumming concert to parents  
9.00-9.15am

**Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March** – Ladybirds  
Class drumming concert to parents  
9.00-9.15am

**Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March** – Butterflies  
Class drumming concert to parents  
2.45-3.00pm

**Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March** – Last day of  
Term

**Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April** – Spring 2 Term  
Starts

**Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June** – Sports Day

**Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June** – Back up Sports  
Day

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