



Foxhills Infant School

Newsletter - Spring Term 2



Thursday 28th March 2024

Welcome to our Foxhills Infant School Newsletter.

Here is a roundup of the wonderful things your children have been doing this term as well as important notices and dates for your diary.

Year R - Shooting Spring!



This half term we have focused on all things spring! We have been able to use our amazing observation skills to look at the plants growing in our garden, they are growing taller and taller as the days go on.

More excitingly we have been able to observe, and get more hands on with 2 different animals in our classroom. We collected frogspawn from the pond and have seen them grow into tadpoles, we are just waiting for them to grow some legs and turn into froglets and then we will release them back into the pond on our nature trail. Even more excitingly, we LOVED having the opportunity to hatch duck eggs and look after the very cute, soft ducklings. Through these experiences we have learnt lots about different animals and plants lifecycles!

We have discussed lots about what it means to practise and

what the difference is with practising and performing, we were so excited to perform 'Please don't squish me' to our grown-ups and show them all our hard work we put into practising! We have also had the opportunity to have an African drumming session each week which has been amazing for our music skills as well as our listening and repeating skills.

We have explored collaging in art and have enjoyed making spring pictures using tissue paper as well as sun catchers which we have stuck on our windows to shine through and make pretty patterns and colours in our classroom. We have looked at different materials, discovering which materials work best in water and which ones don't and so what we can use to make duck houses and boats! We explored Handa's Surprise, looking at the difference in environment between where we live and where Handa lives, as well as researching further into the specific tribe that Handa in the story comes from (Luo tribe).

We have all loved this half term, continuing to enjoy maths, looking at composition of numbers to 10 and height, weight and length; writing, looking at naughty consonant blends that try to trick us and phonics in our different groups.

Mrs McGarry, Mrs Spencer, Mrs Bennett, Mrs Boyes and Miss Le Cointe are so proud of how the Butterflies and Ladybirds have developed in all areas of our curriculum!



Year 1 - Commotion in the Ocean!



This half term year one has had a great time exploring ways we can save our oceans. The children have loved learning the names of the seven continents and the five oceans in geography. They all enjoy singing a song to help them remember all the names. We also loved learning in our history lessons about Jacques Cousteau who invented the SCUBA equipment. It was fun to look through different sources of information to find out all about him and ask questions.

The children enjoyed using all of their knowledge about saving the oceans to write their own adventure story and a letter to Rishi Sunak. We practised using a variety of sentences including



exclamations and questions to help make our writing exciting.

In maths the children have been learning about length, height, weight and capacity and we have been practically exploring these ideas. The children had fun exploring the weight and capacity of objects in the classroom and they thoroughly enjoyed comparing heights with each other.

In our RSHE learning the children had some fantastic discussions about respect and responsibilities. The children came up with lots of brilliant ways they can be respectful to our school environment and they thought about their responsibilities in school and out of school. In RE the children learned all about welcoming, thinking about the story of Palm Sunday.

Throughout this half term we had the pleasure of having African drumming lessons. The children have been excited every week to go and take part in their African drumming lessons and have all given it a great try. The children were pleased to show you all what they could do in our concert and we are very proud of them. This half term we have had some great enrichment starting with a fantastic trip to the MAST theatre which all the children loved. It was great for them to experience a live orchestra and lots of them enjoyed being interactive with the show. To end our half term, we took a lovely trip to Oak Tree Lodge care home to visit the residents before

Easter. We made them some yummy Easter cakes and got to play games and chat with them. The children and residents were delighted!



Year 2 - Fire Fire!



The children have had a fantastic half term! They have really enjoyed their 'Fire! Fire!' topic.

Their half term started with a historical workshop where they learned all about the Great Fire of London and what happened as well as acting different parts. In history lessons, the children learned all about the timeline of the Great Fire of London and the reasons why the fire spread quickly and lasted for a long time. Their understanding has been brilliant! This inspired some fabulous writing including thank you letters, descriptions and stories.

They have been working hard in their maths lessons to learn to tell the time, add and subtract money as well as learn measurements for capacity, length, weight and temperature. They learned these practically by using scales, jugs and rulers.

During geography, the children have been thinking about where the fire spread in London as well as the changes made to London after the fire.

In science, the children really enjoyed learning about habitats which started by going to the nature trail, where we found some great evidence of woodland animals. They also thoroughly enjoyed conducting an experiment to find out what a plant needs to survive. They had one plant without water, one without light, one without warmth and one with everything. They loved seeing how each plant was developing each morning.

In DT this half term, the children focused on using technology to design products. They used their computer designs during their art lessons.

During art, they learned how to weave and used their knowledge to make some fantastic aprons for Thomas Farriner!

In music, the children learned about the texture and timbre in music. They used their knowledge to create their own class composition and notate it.

In RSHE, the children learned how to keep themselves safe.

In RE the children learned about the story of Palm Sunday and about different beliefs.

Finally, in PE and Gym, the children focused on being creative and creating different movement and ball skills.



Well done Year 2, another fantastic half term!



Important Notices

Inset Days for 2024/2025

- Monday 2nd September 2024
- Friday 11th October 2024
- Monday 14th October 2024
- Friday 14th March 2025
- Friday 27th June 2025

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.

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.**

Pupil Voice

Plans for the Queen Elizabeth Recreation Ground were shared with Pupil Voice at the meeting on the 15th March.



The Councillors were keen to hear our views and what equipment we would like to see in the park. Over the next couple of weeks, Pupil Voice Reps will be sharing these ideas with their classes and asking for their feedback too. We will then feed this back to the Parish Council. Parents and children are invited to an Open Meeting to view the plans and give their feedback at Colbury Church Rooms on Tuesday 16th April from 3:30 onwards.



Easter Activities and Holiday Clubs



We have been informed of fun activities that will take place during the Easter Holidays, please follow this link for more information;

<https://www.foxhills-inf.hants.sch.uk/page/?title=Local+Activities%2C+Clubs+%26amp%3B+Events&pid=107>

R&R Multi Sports – (Thursday after school)



A new booking form is now available for next term (15th April - 11th July)

Click the link below which will take you to the booking form on



our school website. Please email your completed forms to info@randrsportscourses.co.uk

<https://www.foxhills-inf.hants.sch.uk/page/?title=R%26amp%3BR+Sports+Courses&pid=120>

Ace Sports – Gymnastic Club (Fridays after school)

Ace Sports still have a couple of spaces available for Gymnastics Club for The Summer Term at Foxhills Infant School. The club will run weekly on Fridays from 3:05pm – 4:10pm.

Gym Club with Coach Jack will continue after Easter and will be now be open for Children in **Year R, 1 & 2**.

Full information can be found online at www.acesportsandeducation.com/afterschoolclubs. All bookings online. Please get in touch with Ace Sports directly should you have any questions.



JC Sports – Football Club (Wednesday after school)

JC Sports are taking bookings for next half term (17th April – 22nd May)

Click the link below which will take you to the booking information on our school website.

<https://www.foxhills-inf.hants.sch.uk/page/?title=JC+Sports&pid=43>

Forest Schools (afternoons)

Wednesday – Year 1
Thursday – Year 2



Robins Class

Miss Atkins will begin her maternity leave after May half term, so, for the last seven weeks of the academic year (summer 2), Mrs Louisa Isherwood will teach Robins class, working closely with Mrs Young and Mrs Foster. Mrs Isherwood is our HLTA but is a qualified teacher so she is able to fulfil this role confidently. To ensure a smooth transition, she will work alongside Miss Atkins for the last week of summer 1. We will be supporting the children with this change.

PE Days for Summer Term

Monday: Year 1
Tuesday: Year 1
Wednesday: Year 2
Thursday: Year R
Friday: Year 2



Diary Dates:



Monday 15th April – Spring 2 Term Starts

Monday 15th April – PTA Bring your decorated Eggs to school to showcase!

Tuesday 16th April – Year R and Year 3 school admissions confirmed

Tuesday 16th April – Year 1 Phonics Parents Meeting 2.45pm and 5pm

Wednesday 17th April – Year 1 Winchester Science Museum Dome Visit (rescheduled)

Tuesday 23rd April – Year R Birds of Prey Visit and Talk

Tuesday 23rd- 30th April – Scholastics Book Fair – More information to follow.

Monday 6th May – Bank Holiday

7th-10th May – Year 2 SATS

Thursday 23rd May – Federation Celebration of Work

Friday 24th May – PTA Summer Fayre

27th – 31st May – Half Term

Wednesday 5th June – Class Photographs

10th – 14th June – Year 1 Phonics Screening Test

10th – 14th June – PTA Father's Day Gift Shop (TBC)

Friday 21st June – Federation Sports Morning

Friday 28th June – Federation Sports Morning (back up date)

Thursday 4th July – Transition Day 1

Friday 5th July – Transition Day 2

Friday 12th July – Year 2 Concert 9.15am and 2pm (information to follow)

Tuesday 16th July – Rocksteady Concert 2.30pm

Tuesday 23rd July – Last day of term finish at 1:15pm

<https://www.foxhills-inf.hants.sch.uk/calendar/?calid=1,2,3,4,5,6,7&pid=8&viewid=1>

