



Foxhills Infant School

Newsletter - Summer Term 1



Welcome to our Foxhills Infant School Newsletter.

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

Year R - Paws, Jaws and Claws!



This half term in Year R, we have been getting hands on with our jaws, paws and claws topic.

We have learnt about all of the animal groups and their identifiable features and have been lucky enough to have some visits from some real creatures including a dog, tortoise, bunny rabbit and some incredible birds of prey. We learnt all about how they are kept as pets or kept in the wild. We have also learnt about dinosaurs and that they are extinct.

The children have enjoyed designing and writing about their own dinosaurs! We have learnt some great facts and have enjoyed learning some new dinosaur names!

In maths we have learnt about doubling and odds and evens and have furthered our counting practice to 20 and beyond. In writing we have continued to

apply our phonics and are now writing our own captions, including finger spaces between words.

We have gotten creative with our imaginations for our DT learning and have created some fantastic junk modelling pieces.

The children have really enjoyed applying all of their learning outside with some of the better weather and have loved our new trim trail!

In our PE we have completed our first unit with real gym, and have got to grips with using the small and large apparatus, making shapes to include tuck, star, straddle and pike.



Year 1 - Shackleton's Antarctic Adventure

Year 1 have had a great half term!

We initially started off by finding clues that we needed to investigate. The children used evidence to understand the life of the explorer Ernest Shackleton.

They then went on to apply their understanding by comparing the two significant individuals that we have learned about, Ernest Shackleton and Neil Armstrong. To compliment this learning, we have focused on the hot and cold regions of the word. The children highlighted that the equator runs through the middle of the planet. They have used this understanding to write in context whilst learning multiple different suffixes this half term.

Finally, the children wrote about their school trip using a consistent tense. We had a great time at the aquarium and on the beach. The children loved seeing all the sea – life up close and digging in the sand.

In addition to this, we have thoroughly enjoyed forest schools. The children looked forward to these sessions every week. They made wizard and fairy houses, crowns and wands, been on a mini – beast hunt and



created wild art. Thank you Mrs Hatfield!

Finally, in DT the children applied their understanding of materials to make a boat that would float. They designed their boat thinking about how they would join materials and which materials would be best to use. They then made and tested their boat. Well done Year 1!



Year 2 - Into the Forest



We are very proud of Year 2 this half term. Their resilience and determination has been incredible!

In writing, this half term children have been working on their independent target while learning to write for different purposes. A lot of their writing has been focused on our topic 'Into the forest' writing a range of fiction and non-fiction about both the Amazon rainforest and the New forest.

In maths, the children have revisited their multiplication, division, addition and subtraction knowledge. They have recalled facts they already know and then used

their understanding to reason and solve problems. They have also learned about position and direction. They are now able to describe the position of an object using mathematical vocabulary. They can also give and receive directions including left and right or compass directions.

In Geography and History, the children have been using their comparative skills. Initially in Geography, they used their research to compare the Amazon Rainforest to the New Forest. The children compared the climate, weather, environment, animals and plants. In history, the children compared Queen Victoria to Queen Elizabeth II. The children were fascinated by the similarities and differences between the Queens and how the Queens are related.

The children tried hard to apply all the skills they have learnt throughout year 2 including conjunctions and adjectives. We have all been creative making our own collage based on a rainforest habitat. Linking to this, in science the children revisited omnivores, herbivores and carnivores by categorising animals. The collage will then be used as part of a rainforest box with a mechanism in design technology.

Finally, The children have loved taking part in Forest Schools this half term. We have been so impressed with the children's creativity, team

work and maturity each week. They have been able to achieve so much in the sessions, finishing the half term with our very own camp fire!



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.**

Half term activities / 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>



Foxy Baby News!

We are excited to announce that Mrs Spencer is expecting a baby due October 2024.

We are all so pleased for her family and cannot wait to meet the new addition later in the year!

We can confirm she will remain as Ladybirds class teacher until the end of the academic year.

Change of Menu – Thursday 6th June & Friday 7th June



Foxhills Federation is taking part in the national D-Day Celebrations. As part of the 80th Anniversary on Thursday 6th of June, we will; be serving a specially created menu, please see the menu sent via email on 21/5/24.

On Friday 7th June, the menu will be the one advertised for 6th June, i.e. beef & Yorkshire pudding, vegetable wellington or cold tomato pasta.

Our Foxy Football Superstars!

ACE SPORTS EVENT – Friday 3rd May

Well done to the children that took part in the ACE Football tournament at the beginning of May. Both teams played incredibly well. Foxhills Infants came 2nd place overall with only 1 point between us and 1st place!



Year 2 Southampton FC Vase Winners!



We are very proud of 4 of our Year 2 pupils– Albert, Teddy, Charlie and Max who took part in the Southampton Cup at St Marys on Sunday 19th May with their local football team the Totton & Eling Panthers. The boys demonstrated determination and resilience and became the Under 7s Southampton Cup Vase Winners! Well done boys this is an incredible achievement and you should all be very proud of your team!





Koolskools Uniform Discount

Koolskools will be running an early summer 10% discount window (online and instore) for Fairtrade/ECO uniform from Friday 24 May to Monday 10 June inclusive.

You can order online by visiting <https://www.koolskools4u.co.uk/schools-list/> or instore.

Skoolkit Uniform Discount



Skoolkit will be holding a 10% discount in the Totton store from Monday 8th – Saturday 13th July.

PCSO Richard Williams Visits Foxhills Federation Schools



We are very fortunate to have PCSO Richard Williams as our link police officer and we have engaged with Richard to provide monthly visits to our schools. Richard has been invited into classes and he was kind enough to spend time with Ladybirds class during his latest visit to Foxhills Infants.

We look forward to Richard joining us again soon (he often brings the police vehicle onsite) and allowing our children to find out more about the life of a very busy, and very much respected, PCSO.



Summer Reading Challenge 2024 Marvellous Makers

This year's Summer Reading Challenge is almost upon us! Starting online on the 22nd June and on the 6th July in England, this year's theme is 'Marvellous Makers'. Totton Library staff will be visiting our schools to launch the Challenge and so please look out for more information nearer the time. In the meantime, you can sign your child up using the link below

<https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/>

PE days for the summer term

Monday: **Year 1**

Tuesday: **Year 1**

Wednesday: **Year 2**

Thursday: **Year R**

Friday: **Year 2**



Diary Dates:

Tuesday 4th June – Year R trip to Furzey Gardens

Wednesday 5th June – Class Photographs

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

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

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 – Year 2 Leavers Assembly (pupils only, in house)

Tuesday 23rd July – Foxy Family Picnic 12pm and last day of term finish at 1:10pm

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

