

Welcome to our final newsletter of the year! Thank you to all of our parents, children and staff for helping us get through an eventful summer term. 2021 has certainly been different, but our children and young people have once again coped with everything that has been thrown at them. We are immensely proud.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank staff for their continued hard work and commitment to Foxwood, many of them continue to go above and beyond to provide an excellent education for our children and young people. Education has never been so important for those with additional needs.

May I take this opportunity to wish you a restful summer term and look forward to seeing everyone in September.

James Hutchinson
Headteacher

Foxcubs have had a wonderful summer term and have thoroughly enjoyed our Under the Sea topic. We have loved reading our sensory big book called **Commotion in the Ocean** and have had fun walking sideways like a crab, being tickled by an octopus and jiggling like a jellyfish! The book has inspired our work in art too which is going to be used to create a new display in school.



We took advantage of the opportunity to try something new during Risk Week in June. All the Foxcubs used mops to paint with to create a large-scale artwork. It was brilliant and something we will certainly do again. We are planning a Seaside Day before the end of term which will be a perfect way to celebrate a successful year.

Squirrels have been enjoying celebrating diversity on our 'Rainbow Day'. We learnt about the importance of respecting and tolerating difference.

We have also been following the Euro 2020 football competition, finding out about the different countries, their flags and locating them on a map of Europe.

In Science we have been learning about different materials and how they can be used in different ways according to their properties.

In our Preparing for Adulthood curriculum, we have been learning about how to improve our emotional wellbeing, how to manage change and improving our telephone skills.



Rabbits have enjoyed celebrating diversity with our Pride and Eid celebrations this term, we have learnt about the different celebrations and the people who celebrate them.

This term we have also enjoyed our trip to the Space Centre. Space is a topic we all enjoy in Science and it was



great to see a real rocket and have a go at the practical experiments such as driving a model Mars rover.

In English we have been reading The Worst Witch as an extended project. It has been great reading the chapters and guessing what will happen to Mildred, the main character, next. We have even written a recipe for a laughter potion.

This term in **Hedgehogs**, we have been enjoying the topic Under the Sea learning about the different creatures in the sea and the sort of habitats they live in. For last couple of weeks, we have been venturing out into the community and practicing our road safety skills.



As well as this, we have enjoyed developing our teamwork through playing parachute games and completing activities which encourage peer interaction and imitation such as tapping out the same beat as their peer.

In **3F** this term we have enjoyed looking at different chemical reactions and had a lot of fun making these happen including volcanos using pop and mentos, fizzing rainbows, we then explored solids and liquids in a sensory based way and began to identify these and now we are looking at heating and cooling experiments.



We have thoroughly enjoyed getting involved in our stories from around the World in English, we read the man who planted a forest, based in India, tried some Indian foods and had a go at planting our own trees.

Some of use also visited Hagg Farm in the Peak district for a residential trip, 3F loved the zipline! The students were very brave, trying lots of new things and showing great resilience.

In **3S** this term, we have started our TITAN training and the children have learned to walk the safe route to the farm shop.

We have been practicing football skills in PE. The children have taken apart a computer, learning the names of parts and reassembling the hardware in computing.



We recently took some of the children to Hagg farm in the peak district. We took part in climbing, abseiling and canoeing and enjoyed roasting marshmallows over a fire pit.

This half term **3O** have been looking at stories from other cultures. We have enjoyed learning all about India and the Arctic. We have discovered some similarities and differences between the two countries.

In science we have enjoyed acting out being solids, liquids and gases, learning about the different states of matter. Our topic in community has been appropriate behaviours out and about.

It has been fantastic to be able to enjoy our local shops again and complete our learning in the community and we have rounded our term off with an amazing trip to Hagg Farm with the rest of KS3!



Group 2 have been finishing off their accreditations this half term. As well as coursework this has involved English and IT exams.

As a reward and a celebration of all their effort and persistence we had a sleepover at school. This was a great experience: we had delicious pizzas, played games and laughed a lot.

Group 2 have also been lucky enough to visit the beautiful Belton House near Grantham. They have had the privilege of watching a performance of Shakespeare's The Tempest and participating in some art and drama workshops.



Group 1 have shown resilience and persistent during this half term. They have taken exams in core subjects and completed accreditations. Some students have been finalising college placements and preparing to move on whilst other students have been focusing on their new class and changes for the next academic year. They showed great enthusiasm when taking part in an interview process for a new member of staff. Group 1 also had their Prom in the classroom and the students looked amazing in their prom outfits!



Some of **Group 3** have visited Portland College. They had an amazing time and took part in various activities which included a climbing wall, zip wire, making bird boxes and lots of challenging activities. In Science, Group 3 have worked hard in a Physics assessment. Group 3 enjoyed watching The Tempest from "The Royal Shakespeare Company".



In **3X** this term we have been working on our personal safety, learning to walk the route to the farm shop and cross the road safely. In school some of us were learning to recall the sequences of the days of the week and months of the year, all as part of our TITAN training. We enjoyed lots of activities outside with PE and then with the extended school visit to Hagg Farm where lots of fun and adventure was enjoyed, from night walks in the woods to canoeing and rock hopping there was lots of fun for all. A favourite evening activity was having marshmallows and light sticks around the campfire.



Group 5 have had a great summer term. We have been learning to play different instruments in a sequence in creative that we are all really enjoying. We have also been finishing off our accreditations in our subjects.

We are enjoying TITAN training – walking around our local community and learning how to do this safely and independently. As part of our PSD – Parenting Awareness, we have been learning how to look after babies and the things we need to do to look after them.



Group 4 have been busy finishing off their learning for accreditation across various subjects, this includes Functional skills ICT Entry Level assessments. They have enjoyed collaborating with Oakfield School on a project called “Copy Cat”. As part of this activity group 4 students have also been writing letters to the Oakfield Students and have formed Pen Pal friendships.

This has been an enjoyable term for Group 4 and it is a pleasure to say that they have all worked very hard during difficult circumstances.



Dates for your Diary

28.07.21—Last day of Term
 31.08.21—Inset Day
 01.09.21—Inset Day
 02.09.21—Primary & KS3 Students ONLY return
 03.09.21—All students return inc. 14-19 students
 22.09.21—Meet the Tutor
 11.10.21—Inset Day
 18.10.21-29.10.21—October Half Term Break
 22.11.21—Inset Day
 20.12.21-03.01.22—Christmas Break
 04.01.22—Academy re opens

Unfortunately, Foxwood Prom has been postponed. However, each 14-19 groups have done an end of year party within their classroom. Pupils had the opportunity to decorate their classroom, participate in dance off games and presentation of the Foxwood Show Off –talent show at the end of the day!





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