

Foxcubs have thoroughly enjoyed our Transport topic over Spring term especially the two big books we have shared in English: The Wheels on the Bus and The Train Ride. They have been busy creating transport-themed artwork too which will be used in a new classroom display. The class were also very excited when the mobile library bus came to visit and liked the opportunity to explore the bus and the books on offer.



Swimming has been a highlight of this term and all the Foxcubs are excited to see the swimming symbol on our timetable. Sessions began in March and will continue to the end of the academic year; it is wonderful to see the children gaining confidence in the water and having so much fun!

Red Nose Day!

Thank you for your donations towards Red Nose Day!

We raised over £80 for Comic Relief



This term, **Rabbits'** Class have been developing their recognition of both 2D and 3D shapes. We had lots of fun naming, printing and constructing with these! For our creative topic, we were exploring transport sounds - all the boys did a terrific job in imitating these using their bodies or instruments. In maths, we have been adding and subtracting with higher and higher amounts, even working out the cost of various products. In English, we have been exploring digraphs in a sensory manner, trying to use these in as many words as we can.

Since September, we have worked hard on dressing ourselves by improving our buttoning skills, trying on different clothing and developing our independence.

All the Rabbits have worked especially hard since Christmas, so I hope you all have a brilliant Easter Break!



This term, **3X** have been learning about poetry with a focus on Dr Seuss. We have enjoyed creating simile poems about a dragon. In Maths, students have been practicing their money skills and were able to earn money for doing jobs around school to spend in a tuck shop.

We also raised money for the RSPCA and were able to visit the rescue centre to present them with the £142 we raised. The students enjoyed seeing all the animals and were proud of what they have achieved.



This term, in Maths, **Group 2** have been collecting data from around the Academy and transferring the data onto bar charts and tally charts as well as looking at measurements and weights and what equipment is needed to measure and weigh correctly.

In PE we have started a new sport which is tennis. We have been learning how to hold a racket correctly and how to use forehand and back hand ground strokes.

Group 2 were very lucky and got the chance to go behind the scenes at Nottingham Playhouse as part of the Shakespeare topic in schools. They enjoyed having a look at the costume area, back stage, dressing rooms, and lightening and technology department. As part of this topic KS4 will also be treated to a performance of A mid-summers night dream from the play house actors. In English we are reading, The curious incident of the dog in the night time.

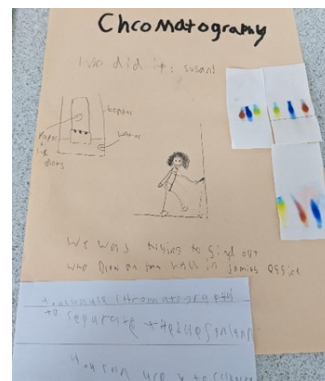
In Science we have been looking at Chemistry in our world and where fuel comes from and how it is processed.



Group 3 have explored a variety of interesting subjects and topics. In art we have made clay faces, using masks as inspiration. In PFA we have visited our local coop while learning about money and the local area. The book we have been reading in English is "Holes". In PE we have been learning new tennis skills, while in science we have learning about the human body.



This term in science **3S** have been learning about separating mixtures and how to use chromatography to solve crime. In preparing for adulthood lessons they have been learning how to plan a trip safely and effectively. Some of the students in 3S have enjoyed taking on extra responsibilities this term such as reading to the students in primary classes, collecting stationary or helping with lunchtime duties. In employment we have visited places of work to identify if a job is realistic for them and in health we have been learning about different types of contraception.



Squirrels have had a wonderful term; they've all worked incredibly hard and have made brilliant progress. We have tried to get out and about lots, we've walked every week as part of our PFA Health curriculum and have been on a few trips. The most exciting being our trip to the Theatre Royal in Nottingham to watch Gangsta Granny. The boys were brilliant and enjoyed the show, they also did some amazing writing as a result, writing a recount of what happened on the day!



Three semi professional footballers came to visit **30** this term. We had a fantastic time interviewing them and letting them join in with our dances. All the children in 30 learnt new football skills!



In **3F** this term we have been enjoying exploring materials in science, we have looked at solids and liquids and taken part in different experiments practising filtering and chromatography. We have enjoyed our English topic of Poetry and have taken part in 3 multisensory poems using different props and actions. We used water sprays to represent rain in our weather poem which made us all laugh! We also visited different supermarkets to practise different skills such as using a shopping list and paying for items. Happy Easter!



This term in Science **Group 5** have been doing lots of learning about our bodies and how to keep it healthy. We have been working hard to produce a fabulous group project in Art, using different paint spraying techniques. In community we have enjoyed visiting different local facilities such as cafés and play areas, communicating how we feel when we are in these places, and practising recognising who can help us there and asking them for help. We are really proud of our Mother's day shop that we did as part of our Employment Group. The students worked hard to prepare all the gifts and we then sold them to the other children in school. It went so well we are looking to run another shop for Father's



This term in **Group 4** we have been focusing particularly in independence on practising tying our shoelaces. This is something which we have all made good progress on and it has been great seeing how far we have come. In English we have been reading Holes by Louis Sachar. In Maths we have been learning how to calculate change from £5 and £10 with money. We have been going out on lots of walks to practise our Titan training – we have even been going to the co-op to practise our social skills. We all had lots of fun dressing up for World Book Day as well!



Hedgehogs have particularly enjoyed getting out into the community this term exploring local cafes in the local area, with a focus on using their communication boards to communicate their wants and needs. Hedgehogs made the most of the Summer cabin in school and role played cafes also.



This term, **Group 1** have visited two colleges. These colleges were Basford College and the YMCA at Ilkeston. A student from group 1 has also been to visit the hub at Nottingham college to look at a science BTEC course. A large number of pupils in group 1 have also been studying with intervention classes in preparation for exams in science and maths. In PE pupils in group 1 this half term have been focusing on tennis. Pupils have developed their knowledge of how to serve the ball the ball and correctly play the forehand and backhand stroke. Pupils have also been developing their positional understanding on court. For Maths, the majority of group 1 have demonstrated fantastic courage by sitting a GCSE mock exam paper. Pupils in Group 1 have also been sitting mock exams for IT and achieved some fantastic results!

Dates for your Diary

04.04.22—18.04.22 —Easter Break
 25-29.04.22—Eid Celebration Week
 02.05.22—Bank Holiday—Academy Closed
 03.05.22—Inset Day—Academy Closed
 11.05-13.05.22—KS3 Residential to Hagg Farm
 30.05-03.06.22—May Half Term





Celebrating Eid at Foxwood!

In the final week of April the Academy will celebrate the end of Ramadan. In the week leading up to the Friday we want to try the following in school – we'd love it if you could try this at home!

Monday 25th April – Helping the community, each class to do something for its community.

Tuesday 26th April – Reflection – each class to have an extra mind and body session focussed on contemplation/reflection.

Wednesday 27th – Good deed day. Everyone to try a good deed.

Thursday 28th – Going without day. A day where we try to go without something that we often take for granted.

Friday 29th– Special assembly - A day where we try different foods, foods with an Islamic background. Pupils will be encouraged to share and serve each other at the table.

