

Supporting Wildlife

One of the themes we have been thinking about across the classes has been the responsibility we have to support wildlife and the positive actions we can take to promote survival and support species to flourish. Here a couple of ideas that you may want to try over half term!

Making a simple birdfeeder

You will need:

Empty toilet roll

String or ribbon

peanut butter / lard / plant based spread

Bird seed.

Method:

1. Take your empty toilet roll and spread the outside with peanut butter or whichever alternative you are using.
2. Roll the sticky toilet roll in the bird seed. You may need to press it in to ensure it sticks
3. Thread your ribbon or string through the middle of your toilet roll and hang up in a tree.



Making a wildflower seed bomb

You will need:

Flour

Soil

Water

Native British Wildflower seeds

Method:

1. Mix 10 parts soil to 1 part flour.
2. Slowly add water and mix slowly to make a sticky 'dough'.
3. Roll into golf-ball size balls.
4. Fill a shallow tray with your wildflower seed and roll the balls in the seed until covered.
5. Leave to dry for a day or two and when they are ready throw them where you would like wildflowers to grow!



Hose Herald

Your half termly newsletter about our School!
February 2025

As always we have had a busy few weeks back in school following the Christmas and New Year break. We have had an exciting addition to Fox Class with Sir Freckles the Axolotl moving in and taking up residence as class pet! Have a read of the Fox Class page if you are interested in finding out more about him.

We said a fond farewell to Mrs Cocker this half term. Mrs Cocker has worked at here at Hose teaching pupils to play a range of string instruments for almost 30 years. She is retiring from school teaching but will continue to pursue her other musical activities. If you are looking for a music tutor please do get in touch with school and we can provide you with alternative contact details.

Our week of activities culminating in 'Feel Good Friday' have proved to be an important way for us to raise the profile of Children's Mental Health and Wellbeing. If you need support in this area, a great place to start is Place2be. They offer information on a range of services for children and parents but also have resources which can support in areas like transition to secondary school and using art and music to support conversation. You can find more details here: <https://www.place2be.org.uk/> or speak to us in school if you would like further information.

We would like to all take this opportunity to wish you a very happy and safe half term!

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Diary Dates

February

Friday 14th - 3:30pm School closes for half term

Monday 24th - School reopens at 8:30am

March

Friday 7th March - World Book Day Celebrations

Monday 10th - Y5 & 6 Choir event at St Marys in Melton - See letter sent for further details

Tuesday 11th - Y6 visit to Warning Zone (details to follow)

Friday 21st - Science Week Parent event - details to follow!

April

Thursday 10th - Final Swimming Lesson for Y3,4 & 5

Friday 11th - 3:30pm School closes for Easter Holidays

Monday 28th - School reopens at 8:30am



Owl Class News!

What a busy start to the New Year in Class 3!

As writers, we have been inspired by the book 'No ballet shoes in Syria', which follows the story of Aya and her family who find themselves as refugees in Manchester after perilously fleeing the war in Syria. We have written flashback stories and using our empathy skills, we have imagined and acted out Aya's treacherous journey to safety, before writing diary entries sharing Aya's thoughts and feelings. Our work is now published and can be found displayed in sharing books in the classroom for anyone to read.

As historians this term, we have been transported back to the 1950's and 60's studying the Civil Rights movement and one of their most well-known leaders Martin Luther King. We have used an array of primary sources including videos, photographs and personal recounts of events to research and understand the conditions of racism and segregation that inflicted many people in America and the UK. We discovered how through mainly peaceful protests and inspirational leadership the American people came together to bring change.

In science this term, we have been using our investigative skills to learn about different forces and opposing forces which affect our everyday lives. This has taken us from Gravity which keeps our feet on the ground, to investigating how air resistance helps us land safely and how streamlining objects help them move quickly through water. We have also looked at why forces can be both helpful and unhelpful to us and how engineers have taken inspiration from nature to enhance their designs for a range of things including bikes and cars.













Squirrel Class News!

What a fantastic start to the year it has been! Squirrel Class have shown determination and perseverance in their learning, and it has been a joy to see their enthusiasm for writing flourish and their love of reading grow. We have thoroughly enjoyed exploring *The Iron Man*, *Stone Age Boy*, and a range of fascinating non-fiction texts in our reading lessons. In maths, they have embraced new methods for division and multiplication, tackling challenges with confidence and it's been great to see their confidence grow.



Extra Curricular Clubs

This half term we have been gather the voice of children to find out the types of extra curricular activities and experiences they would like to access during lunch time and after school clubs. We have now got a huge list, ranging from games club and reading club to hula hoop club and dinosaur club! The children were certainly imaginative with their ideas and suggestions! We have put together a timetable of drop in clubs that children can join at lunchtime and started them this week. They have proved very popular so far! We will be able to share our after school club provision after half term. This poster is displayed around school:

Lunch Time Clubs				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		<p>The library is open for reading club every day. Bring your own book and share what you are reading with the group.</p> 		
<p>Our Play Leaders will be running a sport / activity with Mr Booth.</p> 	<p>Lego Club</p> 	<p>Games and Chess Club</p> 	<p>Colouring & Drawing Club</p>  <p>Sports Club with Mr Booth</p> 	<p>Playdough Club</p> 

Lunch

New menus are available to order from on Parentpay for next half term if you want to get ahead and tick a job off your list! Our menu has had a few tweaks with some changes to dishes. It is great to see the popularity of lunches continuing to increase, our average numbers are in the high 30s each week. We will be having to increase the price of a meal to £2.75 per day after Easter, this is an increase of just 10p and brings us back in line with the other Vale schools who have their meals cooked by Coombs.

Science Week

British Science Week is a ten-day celebration of science, technology, engineering and maths that will take place between 7th - 16th March. Due to other activities happening in school we are going to be celebrating Science Week between 17th - 21st of March and will end the week with an event where families will be invited into school to take part in a Roadshow, where our children can showcase their learning and knowledge and share the activities they have been working on over the week. All are welcome and we look forward to sharing our learning with you!

PTA

PTA Team

We are on the look out for new members of the PTA team! New team members always bring fresh ideas and it is important to ensure we have a good representation of parents with children in all classes. Becoming a member involves attending meetings, which are usually for a couple of hours every half term. We then look at the events that are planned and share the roles and responsibilities out across the team. Having a larger group of people means we can share the load and have the capacity to host larger events. If you would be interested in joining please do get in touch with us, you can chat in the playground or email your interest to PTA@hose.leics.sch.uk. Our current team include:

Lucy Robins, Lucy Carr, Claire Buckle, Bekah Swingler, Katy Dixon, Jen Carter and Jenny Scott

We also have a WhatsApp group for helpers, who are happy to support with running events but are unable to commit to becoming part of the core Team.

Please do get in touch if you are interested in joining either of the groups or finding out a little more about what we do and how you can help.

Uniform Shop

We are now half way through the school year (!). If you are finding that your children have been out growing their school uniform, don't forget we run a pre-loved school uniform shop. We currently have a large selection of items with the school logo and also plain uniform items. Please get in touch via our email: PTA@hose.leics.sch.uk or chat to one of the team in the playground. All we ask is for a donation for the items you take and this can be done by bank transfer or cash, depending on how you prefer to pay.

Fox Class News!



We would like to take this opportunity to introduce you to the newest member of the Fox class... Freckles the axolotl! We have had to learn a lot about axolotls to get ready for our new arrival and are very much enjoying our daily responsibility of feeding him a wriggly worm for his breakfast!

As well as learning about axolotls, the older Foxes have enjoyed their History unit on the Space Race. We learnt about the first person to walk on the moon (Neil Armstrong) and the first British astronaut to go into space (Helen Sharman) and have recorded messages as her in orbit! In Science we have learnt about British birds and birds around the world, looking at their food chains and finding out which birds migrate. We took part in our own bird watch investigation and have even presented the data we gathered by making tally charts, bar charts and pie charts. The Fox Cubs have loved learning all about Chinese New Year, making decorations for our home corner and even treating us to a performance of a dragon dance! As well as taking part in our bird investigation, the Fox Cubs have been busy making bird feeders for our local birds and have been observing outside to see which ones they can spot

