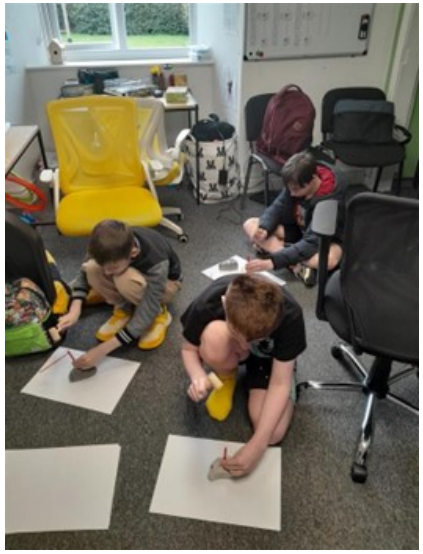
Newsletter

7 - 21 March 2025



Celebrating all things scientific!

Freddie is making a non-Newtonian fluid called an Oobleck!

An oobleck is unique because it can be-have as both a solid and a liquid. It is made of 1 part water to 1.5-2 parts of cornstarch. This is a great experiment to try at home!

Excavating crystal gems

Learning about geology and gem/rock properties. We found (imitation!): hematite, red jasper, malachite, amber, peridot, carnelian, lapis lazuli, pyrite, moonstone, blue zircon, yellow jasper, and aquamarine!

Air/Water Propulsion Rockets

Learning about water/air pressure ratios and aerodynamics

Air Pressured Rockets

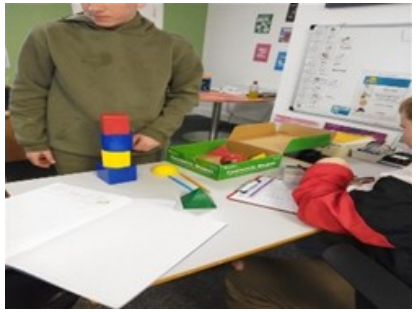
Learning about forces, pressure and projectiles. Kai's rocket went extraordinarily high!

Little Clayhill Farm providing opportunities for our pupils to learn 1st Aid, pond construction, hen husbandry, as well as develop confidence in themselves and their ability to care for others.

Proud Tyler with his catch of the day!

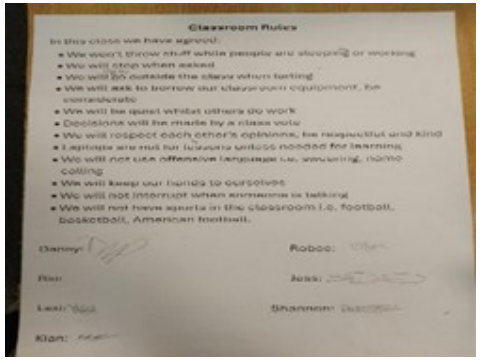
Our recipe of the week was scones - here are Kian's and Bobby's. The big question was - were they Devonshire or Cornish scones? All we do know is that they all tasted delicious!

In maths, we've moved on to learning about properties of shape, using language of faces, edges, vertices to describe a variety of 3D shapes.



Pupils learnt the art of marbling this week, producing some beautiful pieces of work. Through this artistic activity they also learnt about scientific surface tension and different liquid densities. All while having a lot of fun!

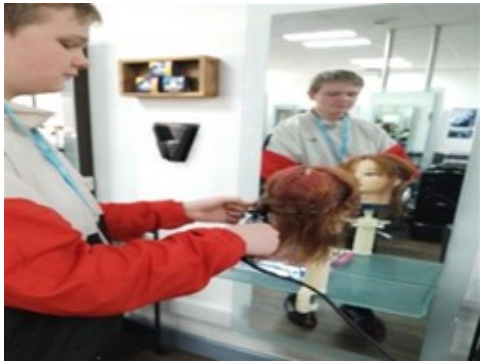
Student Council making important decisions about our playground refurbishment.



Avon Class making good use of their Culture and Citizenship knowledge and skills with drafting of their classroom rules.

Table Tennis tournaments are very popular right now, as are our frequent basketball matches with our new sports equipment.

College is a place where our pupils expand their horizons and start planning for their futures. Kian continues to show talent in creative arts and showcases this in his weekly hairdressing sessions.



2024 2025 TERM DATES

Term	First Day	Last Day
Autumn Term 1	**04/09/24**	**23/10/24**
INSET DAYS Thursday 24 October & Friday 25 October **HALF TERM Monday 28 October to Friday 1 November**		
Autumn Term 2	**04/11/24**	**19/12/24** **12pm finish**
CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY Friday 20 December to Friday 3 January **INSET DAY Monday 6 January**		
Spring Term 3	**07/01/25**	**14/02/25**
HALF TERM HOLIDAY Monday 17 February to Friday 21 February		
Spring Term 4	**24/02/25**	**04/04/25** **12pm finish**
EASTER HOLIDAY Monday 7 April to Monday 21 April		
Summer Term 5	**22/04/2025**	**23/05/25**
BANK HOLIDAY Monday 5 May **HALF TERM Monday 26 May to Friday 30 May**		
Summer Term 6	**02/06/25**	**22/07/25** **12pm finish**

GOLDEN TIME TRIPS/EVENTS

10/01/2025	We the Curious, Bristol
17/01/2025	Noah's Ark Zoo Farm, Wraxall
31/01/2025	VR Escape Room, Taunton
07/02/2025	Beach Clean & RNLI visit
14/02/2025	Za Za Bazaar, Bristol
28/02/2025	Film Fun
7/3/2025	Mad Hatter's Tea Party
14/03/2025	Bristol Museum
21/03/2025	Science Experiments Extravaganza
03/04/2025	Hinkley Point

MESSAGE FROM THE LEADERSHIP TEAM

What a fabulous end to British Science Week, we had flying rockets, excavation, gem growing, slime and more developing our curiosity and exploration into scientific matter! The pupils described todays activities as "the best day of their life!" - we certainly have big boots to fill in preparation for next year.

You would have received an email regarding transitions this week, we are starting to plan the support needed and activities to ensure that all pupils are in their new classroom environments before they return in September 25.

A reminder that on the 3rd April we are visiting Hinkley C as part of our real world of work experiences please ensure your child/ward has a packed lunch on this day.

The programme Adolescence has been a hot topic within our safeguarding team, if you haven't watched it I highly recommend you do—it follows a 13 year old boy who is subjected to online bullying through the use of emojis and the Incel movement.

Pupils were recently surveyed internally as to how safe they felt in school 100% of pupils stated they felt their teachers and teaching assistants keep them safe whilst at school :)

SAFEGUARDING TEAM

If you have any safeguarding concerns about ANY child (not just a child within our setting), please contact our Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL):

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Safeguarding is EVERYONE'S responsibility