

Foundation Newsletter

Friday 14th July 2023

Dear Parents

We have had a very busy week in Foundation! On Tuesday we watched our buddies in their show, "Edith's Wartime Scrapbook". The Foundation children sat right at the front and had a super time dancing and clapping along to the songs! On Wednesday everyone spent some time with Miss Appleton from year 1, and their buddies, and had a great time playing rounders and computing. This was when the new children came into Foundation for their visit. It was lovely to see how ready the Foundation children are to move up to their next stage in school life, but goodness me we are going to miss them all!

Our topic this week has moved onto jungle animals. The children have made us so proud with lots of independent writing describing a jungle scene and writing to "Dear Zoo" to ask for the animal they would like.

Reading Books

This week was the last week that we will be sending reading books home. Next week we will be collecting all of them in. We would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you parents and carers for your wonderful help and support that you have given at home with your child's reading. Your input has been invaluable to the children's progress, and it has clearly shown in the fantastic skills they have learned and the wonderful progress they have made. In September no one knew what sounds even meant, and now the children can pick up a book and read and understand it. We are so proud of the children, and grateful to you all for your support. Well done children!

Talent Competition

On Tuesday 25th July the school will be holding its annual talent competition. If any Foundation children would like to take part in this, here are the rules.

- Please bring £1 to enter the competition.
- Please provide any backing music on a memory stick or cd. This music needs to be non-vocal.
- Please send any equipment or costume needed on the day in a named bag.
- Children can perform alone or in a pair.
- Please let us know if mats or a microphone are required.

Tapestry

Tapestry is a resource that we use in the Foundation stage to share your child's learning journey with you. In a couple of weeks time, we will be closing down access to Tapestry for you and your child as they move to year 1. In order for you to keep an electronic copy of your child's Tapestry profile, we have activated the ability for you to download and save it. The link below explains this in more detail. The notification you receive from Tapestry will let you know that your child's journal has been exported by us and is ready for you to download onto a device at home, such as your PC. As explained in the link below, you will need to use the desktop version of Tapestry (rather than the app) to download and save your child's profile. The downloaded file will include all of your child's photos and observation notes. However, it will not contain any videos you may have uploaded during the home learning time.

We will be exporting the journals today, so please look out for an email notification. Once we have done this, your link to download them will only last for 21 days. If you have any difficulties, please get in touch.

<https://eyfs.info/forums/topic/46905-how-relatives-can-download-journals-and-media/?tab=comments#comment-436247>

Things To Practise At Home

- Have another practise of number bonds to ten ready for our Duckling versus Gosling competition next week!
- We loved your snail sentences! Well done children! This week can you write a describing sentence about a tiger!
- Can you make a den either in your house or outdoors? We would love to see your den pictures if you bring a photo in to school to show us!

That's all for this week. If you have any questions please don't hesitate to speak to a member of the Foundation Team.

Have a lovely weekend.

Regards

The Foundation Team