



Foundation Newsletter

Friday 6th October 2023

Dear Parents

We have had another lovely week in Foundation learning all about where we belong. Thank you so much for all your house pictures that you have posted on Tapestry. We have been able to have some wonderful class discussions about the place where we belong and about how great difference is. In maths this week we have begun our learning about all the numbers up to ten. This week was all about number one. This may seem very simple, however we are teaching a greater depth around each number as well as some tricky mathematical concepts so that as the children start to work with bigger numbers they will be confident to apply all of the concepts that they need. We have learned one less and one more than one, we learned how to show it on our fingers, we learned that one small or one large item is still one, we found number ones in the environment, we subitised (instantly recognize the number of objects without actually counting them) one and learned about the cardinal principal (that the last number you say when counting objects is how many there are). Next week during number two, we will be introducing some more mathematical equipment to the children. In phonics this week our sounds were ***i,n,m,d***.

Phonics

This week we are sending you some information to explain how we teach phonics and reading in Reception. In your child's bookbag we have sent you a parents' guide and a sound mat. Below is a link to show you how we pronounce the sounds, and a link with some information all about blending to read. These will also be available as a hyperlink on your email.

<https://youtu.be/UCI2mu7URBc> - 'Phonics- how to pronounce pure sounds'- oxford owl

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vqvqMtSNswo&t=7s> - 'How to blend sounds to read words' - oxford owl.

Sound Cards

We had a look at your child's sound card pocket with them this week to have a practise of the sounds and we noticed that quite a large number of people have not cut out sounds ***s,a,t,p***. Please could you cut these sounds out if you haven't already done so and put them into the small pocket and have a practise of them at home with your child. Please could you also now cut out this week's sounds, ***i,n,m,d***, and pop them into the small pocket. Just five minute's practise two or three times a week is invaluable in helping your child to retain their learning from school.

Harvest Festival

Our Harvest Festival service for Foundation and Key Stage 1 takes place on Thursday 26th October at 9.00am. We can only offer 90 tickets for parents/carer's (due to health and safety concerns) and these will be made available from Monday 16th October on a "one-ticket/family – first come, first served basis". To get a ticket call in or e-mail the office on 16th October. We will also be doing a collection of non-perishable food, toiletries and cleaning products for our local food bank and would be very grateful for any donations. Please send donations in from Monday 23rd October. After the Harvest assembly there will be a family harvest trail around our school for you and your child. The assembly should last no longer than an hour and after that you can collect your child and a trail quiz sheet from the classroom and take part in the trail round our school site returning your child to us once you have completed the trail.

Baby Photos

Next week we will be looking at how we change as we grow. Please could you post a photo of your child when they were a baby onto Tapestry. We will use these during some class discussions and will also put them onto our classroom timeline. Thank you very much for your help.

Natural Items

Thank you so much for all the lovely Autumn items that you collected and sent in. The children have loved creating collages, leaf rubbings and models from them. Next week we will be creating collages of our family using natural items and we would be very grateful for any donations of leaves, seeds, twigs etc. Thankyou.

Things to Practise at Home

- Cut out sounds ***i,n,m,d***. Put them into the small pocket along with s,a,t,p and have a practise of them. Can you put some of the sounds together to make a word eg sat, pan.
- Can you write number 1, can you find some items in your home that have only one curved side, (circle or oval shaped).
- Look at some photos of you and your family. Talk about special times and about how you have changed as you have grown.

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

Have a lovely weekend.

Regards

The Foundation Team.