

Foundation

The Foxes and Hedgehogs had a messy time in The Wild Place playing in the mud kitchen this week. They prepared chocolate cakes, which to the untrained eye, looked suspiciously like mud and sticks on a bed of leaves!

We used non-fiction books and found information on our computers about plants and what jobs their different parts have. We then turned our shoeboxes into flowers and labelled the different parts.

In Maths, the children have been using counters to help them learn that doubling means adding the same number to itself and that halving is the opposite of doubling or means sharing equally between 2. In order to support this learning at home, please help your child solve the following problem (you may like to use counters, such as Lego, pasta pieces, buttons etc, to help):

Let's look at undoing some Maths that's been done:

Suppose we have a starting number and then we doubled it. That's the bit we'll call "doing". To "undo" the maths we start with just the answer and see if we can get back to our starting number.

When I doubled my starting number, I got 6. What do I have to do, to "undo" the 6 and get back to my starting number?

Suppose that I did it again with a new starting number. I doubled it and got to 10. What would you have to do to "undo" and get back to my new starting number?

This time I doubled my number and got 12. What was my starting number?

Mr Pallister (Year 1 teacher) runs a Maths club in his classroom during Thursday lunchtimes. This term children can choose to go and play a game called 'Hit the Button'. This will help them practise their number bonds to 10 (pairs of numbers that make 10, such as 5 and 5, 3 and 7 etc). If you wish your child to practise this game at home before choosing to visit Mr Pallister, it can be found on the Foundation maths section (<https://i.stfaiths.co.uk/foundation-1/foundation-maths>) of the VLE.

The children in F54 have had the opportunity to select their own lunch this week. They enjoyed sitting in the larger dining hall and next to the Year 1 and 2 children. F52 will have their turn next week.

F52 are performing their class assembly on Wednesday 10th May from 08:35 in Ashburton Hall. We look forward to welcoming F52 parents on this morning.

As the weather gets warmer, please can we remind parents to send in their named St Faith's uniform sun hat? We will keep the hats in the children's trays and expect them to wear them when they are outside. Please also send sun cream and a water bottle, both named.

Next week, we are looking at the story of *Jack and the Beanstalk*. We would like the children to design a castle for the giant. Please could you send in any clean, nut-free junk for the children to use to make their castles?

Best wishes,
The Foundation Team