

Foundation

This week has involved a great deal of smiling! Each class has had their photograph taken to be published in Cambridge Independent, as part of a full spread of photos of children across Cambridge, who started school this September. We then had the whole school photograph on Tuesday. Foundation were amazed as they watched stripy blazer after stripy blazer climbing up the staging! Finally we had individual photographs on Thursday.

We have carried on working hard, continuing with the learning of sounds. Many thanks for helping your child complete their letter formation homework and practise their sounds. Please keep revising sounds already taught in previous weeks to help consolidate what your child has learnt. We have also spent the week thinking about our homes; we have looked at the tale of the *Three Little Pigs* resulting in lots of huffing and puffing as the children re-enacted the story. They have also used the computer to make a picture of a house, as well as junk modelling their own house!

This week in Maths the children have been practising the skill of subitising. Subitising is the ability to instantaneously recognise the number of objects in a small group. To carry on this learning at home, we have sent home a two-player game we would like you to play with your child. First use tiles or counters to cover each of the subitising patterns on the board. Once the board is covered with tiles, player 1 points to a tile and player 2 lifts the tile for one second. Player one then has to say how many dots they saw. If they get it correct, they keep the tile, if not the tile is replaced. Player 2 then has a turn. This continues until all tiles are removed, the winner is the person with the most tiles at the end of the game.

Just for your information, FCH's Library time has had to move back to a Thursday due to staff illness. Children in FCH need to return their yellow book bags on Wednesdays. Other Foundation classes remain the same. Please send in PE kit bags on Wednesday with white shorts and t-shirts.

We hope that you will be able to attend the 'Early Years Foundation Curriculum Presentation' on Monday 2 October at 19:00 in Ashburton Hall, where the Foundation teachers will speak in more detail about how we deliver the Foundation stage curriculum in school. All parents will receive a Maths and Reading handout the following day via your child's book bag, so not to worry if you are unable to attend.

Next week, we will be thinking about pets, both real and imaginary!

Best Wishes
The Foundation Team