

# Foundation

We started the week thinking about how to keep our mouths healthy with a visit from Dr Khanna (Father of Dilan, FCH) who talked about the importance of brushing your teeth twice a day! He enjoyed listening to the children's tales of their (positive) experiences of visiting the dentist! Many thanks to him for giving up his free time to speak to the children. We have also been thinking about Autumn and the children took part in their first seasonal walk around the school grounds, looking for signs of Autumn. There are some photos of our walks on the VLE. We have also had a fire drill so the children now know what to do and where to go in the unlikely event of the alarm going off during school hours.

The children have continued to learn new letter sounds and practise correct letter formation. The process of blending these individual sounds into words has begun and the children are working hard to do this independently. For those children who are ready, 'word boxes' will be sent home in their reading record book and these are used to practise the blending process.

In Maths this week, the children have been practising adding 2 single digit numbers together by counting on. This is where you hold the larger number in your head and hold up the smaller number in fingers and count on. Each time you say a number put a finger down until you run out of fingers and when you have no more fingers left, that is the answer.

For Maths homework this week, we would like you to collect some autumn leaves with your child. You could then ask them to:

- Count how many leaves they have collected.
- Think what is the same and what is different between the leaves, using both informal vocabulary such as 'pointy' and progressing to mathematical terms like straight, round, bigger.
- Sort the leaves into groups by properties like curved or straight or by colour.
- Look at their symmetrical properties and ask your child "Is it symmetrical?" and then "How do you know it is(n't) symmetrical?"

Oliver Ulmann in FCH has lost his named white PE socks. Please could you check to see if they have come home in your child's games bag by mistake.

Next week, we are thinking about the Hindu festival of Diwali where the children will be listening to and re-enacting the story of Rama and Sita.

We look forward to discussing how your child has settled into Foundation at your parent consultation next week.

Best Wishes  
The Foundation Team