

Foundation

Christmas has certainly come early to Foundation! Preparations for the performance have begun; the children are starting to familiarise themselves with the nativity story and we have had a read through of the script. Any requests for costumes should have been sent home today via a note in your child's book-bag. We would also like to ask you to provide a small (220g), empty and clean baked bean tin by Monday 27th November – all will be revealed at the end of term!

Aside from the excitement of Christmas, lessons and activities have been taking place as usual. We have been thinking about healthy eating; the highlight of which was making our own butter and then using this to spread on sandwiches!

As we have now completed 'Phonic booklet 1' please keep these at home and use them to continue to practise the letter sounds and formation. The children really benefit from repetition. 'Phonic booklet 2', will be introduced at the start of next week and this contains the digraphs; these are two letters which make one sound. When writing these digraphs, we will encourage the children to join the letters to emphasise that they make one sound.

In Maths this week the children have been recognising coins and using language related to money. For homework this week we would like you to continue this activity at home. Using real coins, help your child sort them by value discussing shape and colour. You could use questions like:

- Which coin has the greater value?
- Which are the silver coins?
- Which coins have straight edges?

As the weather gets colder, it is very important children have their coats in school as we continue to play outside! Hats, gloves and scarves should be named and, when not worn, be kept in trays in the classroom so they don't get lost. We would also like you to help your child practise doing up their zip on their coat – this will increase their sense of independence and, more importantly, enable them to get out to play quicker!

Next week, our focus is on our school community, of which the highlight, we are sure, will be a visit to Mr Helliwell.

The Foundation Team