

Foundation

The 'Hedgehogs' and the 'Squirrels' set out with waterproof trousers, wellies and hats ready for their first afternoon in 'The Wild Place'. They thoroughly enjoyed exploring the natural environment. They are beginning to assess risk when climbing at a height and when moving or carrying large sticks and logs. All had a warming drink at 'base camp' before heading back to class. Each group contains a mix of children from the three Foundation classes and allows friendships to blossom across the year group. Photographs of their adventures can be viewed on the VLE.

The children also enjoyed their first gym lesson, where they travelled over mats and beams and had their first Spanish lesson with Sra. O'Reilly. During this lesson the children learnt to greet their friends in Spanish, according to the different times of the day.

Please could you ensure all children have their whole PE kit in school for lessons on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. A complete list can be found here for your information:

<https://i.stfaiths.co.uk/Resources/Parents%27%20Area%20%5BF6t0%5D/Uniform%20Shop%20%5BF6zo%5D/St%20Faith%27s%20School%20Uniform%20Guide%20%5BF94w%5D/Pre%20Prep%20Uniform%20List.pdf>.

We will ensure that the children are suitably dressed for the activity they are undertaking. White shorts, in particular are needed for gym lessons.

This week in Maths we have been on a shape walk around the school to help the children identify and name a range of 3D shapes. We found examples of cylinders, cones, cubes, cuboids, spheres, pyramids and triangular prisms. When you are out and about with your child, look for and name any you both might see. You may like to help your child record their findings by filling in a chart, drawing the shapes or taking photos. Encourage your child to

- describe the shapes using informal language such as soft, smooth, sharp, pointy, arch, box, roof.
- describe the shapes using mathematical language - corner, side, flat, curved, rectangular, cylinder.
- describe where the shape is using positional language - on top of, next to, underneath, in front of, behind, between, left, right etc.

Next week, we are looking forward to a visit from a theatre group to perform 'Not Such an Ugly Duckling' for the Prep-Prep. This will mean the children will not be having their gymnastics lesson on Tuesday, although it will be Games as normal on Wednesday.

Finally Oliver Hodsdon has lost one named school grey sock. Please could you check to see if it has come home with your child by mistake.

The Foundation Team

