

# Foundation

This week, the children have been learning about our place within the solar system! The children have been making clay aliens and using their imagination to write about what it might be like to visit another planet.

We have also been thinking more about the move to Year 1. We discussed with the children how they are feeling about this transition and how they might feel on the first day of school in September. Although some said they felt a little nervous, the majority of children were excited and happy about the next step.

In order to help your child prepare for the change, for homework this week we would like you to compare your school experience with that of your child. You may like to discuss food, clothes, playtimes, toys, things you enjoyed/didn't enjoy. You may also like to help your child ask a grandparent what their schooldays were like.

In Maths this week, we have been thinking about counting in 2, 5 and 10s as well as continuing to practise partitioning numbers to 10. There are a number of games on the Foundation Maths section of the VLE to practise this skill; such as Save the Whale and Hit the Button. Here are also some suggestions of Maths activities to do over the holiday:

- Play maths games on Busythings and the VLE.
- Play board games with dice, such as Snakes and Ladders.
- Keep a diary of the times you do different things during one week.
- Time your child doing different activities (brushing their teeth, tidying their bedroom, doing 10 star jumps).
- In the bath/kitchen sink/ paddling pool/bucket etc. pour water from different sized containers. How many little ones does it take to fill the largest one? Put the containers in order of capacity.
- Use real money to play shops. Label toys/food etc. with prices (up to 20p) and role play paying.
- Count forward and backward to 20.
- Write any ten numbers between 1 to 20. Cut them out and mix them up. Arrange them again from smallest to largest.
- Write some number facts that will add up to 10.

Also look at the Foundation to Key Stage 1 transition leaflet which will have ideas to keep learning fresh over the summer!

Although next week is the final week of school, the children will continue to complete their usual activities.

- There will be no Maths homework in the final week, however reading books will be sent home on Monday and handwriting books on Tuesday.
- Handwriting books can then be kept at home – they do not need to be returned!
- Children will bring their workbooks and any Art work home on Wednesday.

- Yellow library books and red book bags are to be returned to school by Thursday 5th.
- Both book bags will remain in school throughout the summer holidays and be passed onto the Year 1 teachers.

As we approach the end of the Foundation year, the children will also bring home their wellies, sun cream, water bottles. It would be particularly useful if your child could empty their red book bags for the final week of term.

We can't quite believe that this is the final Foundation newsletter of the year! We wish you all a restful and enjoyable Summer break and look forward to welcoming you back in September with your Year 1 children!

The Foundation Team