

Foundation

Rehearsals for our nativity, *Christmas Counts*, have been carrying on with gusto – please keep practising any lines at home, encouraging your child to use their big outdoor voices!

We have been working hard in the classrooms as usual. The children have been thinking about what they are good at; it has been lovely to hear them speak with confidence about their own abilities. We have also been thinking about each other's similarities and differences.

The children enjoyed their final balance bike session on Friday. We have observed many of them riding bikes confidently in the playground and read Tapestry reports celebrating children who are now riding without stabilisers!

For homework, please help your child to make the Snowman Countdown paper chain to help them count down the days until Christmas. Things you might like to do with the Snowman chain:

- Help your child read the numbers on the rings.
- Count backwards from 25.
- Work out how many days left until the Christmas production / the start of the holiday / Christmas!
- Count how many days have passed so far.
- Talk to them about what is happening on each day or ask questions like “on what date is the Nativity play?” or “What will the date be in three days’ time?”.

We look forward to seeing you in school next week for our production of *Christmas Counts*. For your information, there will be no Games lesson on Wednesday, so games kits will be sent home on Tuesday. Please could all children come into school wearing school uniform on Wednesday. There is no need to bring their games bag in.

The Foundation Team