

Foundation

Welcome back! We hope you had a restful half term break. We have enjoyed hearing about the exciting things you have been up to. The children have settled back smoothly into the school routine. Foundation would like to welcome Hugo who started this week in FCH.

The children thoroughly enjoyed learning about autumn. We have been on an autumn walk, collecting all sort of autumn things. We used the leaves collected to do some Hapa Zome, which is the Japanese art of beating up leaves with hammers, pounding natural pigment into cloth.

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?".

From next week, we will be sending home a reading activity (reading book or word box) on Mondays and Fridays. Please continue to write a comment in the children's red reading diaries to show your child has read. Please send in their reading diaries and books as soon as you have read the book or by the next reading homework day.

We would also like to allow the children to further develop their independence. To support them with this, please encourage your child to carry their book bag into Southfield and then into the classrooms where they can take out any books/work that need to be returned.

Just to remind you about Games kit: All 3 Foundation classes must have their Games kit in their bag and at school every Tuesday. The children will then come home on Tuesdays wearing their Games kit, leaving their school uniform in their Games bag on their hooks if they are in FLW (Mrs Wakefield's class) or FCH (Miss Hendry's class). Those children then need to come to school wearing their Games kit on Wednesdays, ensuring they wear their shorts under their jogging bottoms. Children in FCB (Mrs Bates' class) will come home on Tuesdays wearing their Games kit with their school uniform in their PE bags and then they will come to school on Wednesdays wearing school uniform with their Games kit in their bags ready to change into at school.

We are learning about why we celebrate Bonfire Night next week and would like to make some junk model fireworks with the children. In order to help with this, please send in clean boxes, cardboard rolls, egg boxes or bottles for the children to make their models from. Please note that we are a nut free school, so we ask that containers must not have had products with nuts in – thank you!

We hope that you enjoy the school fireworks evening if you are attending.

Best Wishes
The Foundation Team