

Foundation

On Monday we were very excited to be visited by Cambridgeshire Fire & Rescue Service. The Firefighters showed the children the clothes they need to wear to fight fires; they talked about the kind of jobs they might be called to do; they told the children about the importance of checking your smoke alarm and having an escape plan at home; and most excitingly, they let the children have a go with their hose! Tuesday saw us celebrate the start of spring with a walk by Vicar's Brook in glorious spring weather, making edible nests, playing in the wild place and creating blossom. The rest of the week we managed to fit in our normal activities, whilst also thinking about Easter and Mother's Day!

We have sent home an 'Easter Scrapbook' for the children to use to document their holiday activities. You may like to include photographs, drawings or writing and these will be shared in the first few days of the new term. This activity focuses upon your child's communication skills; they will be able to practise speaking to an audience about past events and develop their awareness of the listener when talking. You will also find three reading books in your child's book bag.

This term in Maths we have been focusing on reading and writing numbers to 20 and beyond; adding and subtracting single digit numbers; naming a range of 2D and 3D shapes; reading o' clock and half-past on a clock; naming coins; and sorting objects by weight and height. Ways to support this learning over the Easter holidays include:

- Playing board games such as snakes and ladders to practise reading numbers and counting on.
- Playing Maths games on the VLE and BusyThings, such as Action Time and Numerical order.
- Sharing Easter eggs, sweets, objects etc.
- Writing the numbers from 0 – 10.
- Counting forwards and backwards to and from 20. Can you start/end at different places?
- Encouraging your child to put an object in different places and then tell you where it is with the use of positional language, such as next to, in front of, beside, under, on top, behind.
- Cooking - weighing and following instructions.
- Setting up a mini supermarket in the kitchen and using real money to go shopping with.

Our topic next half term will be 'Curious Creatures', with an overview available on the VLE in the Pre Prep parent area. One of the projects we will be doing next half-term will require a shoe box, so if you buy new shoes over the holidays please keep the box!

We look forward to seeing the children back in April, in their summer uniforms, and hearing about their holidays.

Happy Easter!

The Foundation Team