

Foundation

Welcome back to the final term of Foundation. The children quickly remembered the school routine and have begun the term with great enthusiasm. Thank you for supporting your child with their 'Easter Scrapbook'; we really enjoyed sharing them with the children.

We have introduced the topic of 'Curious Creatures' and been busy investigating how fruit starts to decay. We also talked about how the children could look after their bedrooms – some children even suggested they could help tidy up their Lego!

In Maths this week we have been naming and sorting 2D and 3D shapes. The children have learnt that a 3D shape is any shape you can hold, whereas a 2D shape can only be drawn. They then sorted 3D shapes based on different properties, such as whether they roll or slide. To continue this learning at home, we would like you to build towers with your child using 3D shapes of different sizes [cubes, cylinders (cans, tubes), cones, prisms etc]. Questions you may like to ask include:

- Can you balance this flat block on these three cones? What if they're in a straight line? What if you squash them together?
- Could you build with only cylinders? Is there a way you can/can't build with cylinders?
- How could you make your tower taller?
- I wonder if we could stack two shapes like this on top of each other?
- Which blocks would you use to make a very big tower?
- What would happen if we turned that block the other way up, would it make the tower any different?

As part of preparing the children for the transition to Year 1, next week the children in FCH will practise using a 'flight tray' and moving through the servery to select their own food for lunch. They will sit in the larger dining room, with their class teacher and teaching assistant on hand to support food selection and when clearing away trays. FCB will practise in the week beginning 13th May and FLW in the week beginning 20th May.

As the weather slowly improves, we would like the children to remain safe in the sun while playing outside. Please send your child to school with a named sun hat and sun cream. On particularly sunny days, it is advisable to apply sun cream to your child before school and we will support your child to apply more if necessary during the day. Unfortunately we are unable to apply sun cream to your child unless it has been provided by parents. Using another child's sun cream, for example, would not be an option.

Best wishes for the Summer Term,

The Foundation Team

