

Foundation

The Squirrels and Foxes had a messy time in The Wild Place playing in the mud kitchen. Some prepared chocolate cakes, which to the untrained eye looked suspiciously like mud and sticks on a bed of leaves! Others made mobiles from items they found. They all played '1 2 3, Where are you?' and observed the changes to the Wild Place that Spring has brought about.

We used the story of 'Superworm' by Julia Donaldson as the basis of our Literacy this week and the children have rewritten the story, made and measured worms and acted out the story on the deck. We also went on a walk round the school grounds to look for minibeasts and have made biscuits. There are photos of some of our activities on the VLE.

You may have noticed from the stamp in the reading record book, we have started doing 'guided reading' sessions. This is where the children read a book as part of a small group so we can teach skills such as decoding and comprehension. Books chosen are separate from those we use for individual reading and are appropriate for the level the group are working at. Please note, because of the bank holiday and our trip out, there will be no guided reading session next week.

In Maths, the children have been using counters to help them learn that doubling means adding the same number to itself and that halving is the opposite of doubling, or means sharing equally between 2. In order to support this learning at home, please help your child solve the following problem (you may like to use counters, such as Lego, pasta pieces, buttons etc, to help):

Let's look at undoing some maths that's been done:

Suppose we have a starting number and then we doubled it. That's the bit we'll call "doing". To "undo" the maths we start with just the answer and see if we can get back to our starting number.

When I doubled my starting number, I got 6. What do I have to do, to "undo" the 6 and get back to my starting number?

Suppose that I did it again with a new starting number. I doubled it and got to 10. What would you have to do to "undo" and get back to my new starting number?

This time I doubled my number and got 12. What was my starting number?

The children in FCH have had the opportunity to select their own lunch this week. They enjoyed sitting in the larger dining hall and next to the Year 1 and 2 children.

As the weather gets warmer, please can we remind parents to send in children's named, St Faith's uniform sun hat. We will keep the hats in the children's trays and expect them to be

worn when the children are outside. Please also send in sun cream and a water bottle, both named.

Our fingers are crossed for a dry day on Wednesday 8th May, when Foundation will venture out of school on their field trip to Paxton Pits. Just to remind you, we would like the children to wear their black games trousers, white school t-shirt and black games jumper with school shoes. To cope with any variations in the weather, please could you ensure that your child has their wellington boots, waterproof coat and a named sun hat in school on the day of the trip? It would be particularly helpful if sun cream could be applied before school in case of sunny weather. We will be travelling to and from Paxton Pits by coach during the school day. A packed lunch will be provided by the school and we will return in time for normal collection at 3.25pm. Please ensure that the school office has your up-to-date contact details.

Have a lovely Bank Holiday Monday. We look forward to seeing you on Tuesday 7th May.

Best wishes,

The Foundation Team