

Foundation

We can't quite believe that this is the final Foundation newsletter of the year! It seems like only yesterday when your little ones started their learning journey with us and now they are ready to continue and grow in different classes. This time of year is always bittersweet; we love seeing how far they have come but will miss them enormously.

This week, the children have enjoyed imaginative writing of their own stories based on 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt' and have made muffin pizzas!

We have also been thinking more about the move to Year 1. We discussed how they are feeling about this transition and how they might feel on the first day of school in September. Although some children said they felt a little nervous, the majority of children were excited and happy about the next step.

In order to help your child prepare for the change, for homework this week we would like you to compare your school experience with that of your child. You may like to discuss food, clothes, playtimes, toys, things you enjoyed/didn't enjoy. You may also like to help your child ask a grandparent what their schooldays were like.

In Maths this week, we have been thinking about counting in 2, 5 and 10s as well as continuing to practise partitioning numbers to 10. There are a number of games on the Foundation Maths section of the VLE to practise this skill; such as Save the Whale and Hit the Button. Here are also some suggestions of Maths activities to do over the holiday:

- Play Maths games on Busythings and the VLE.
- Play board games with dice, such as Snakes and Ladders.
- Keep a diary of the times you do different things during one week.
- Time your child doing different activities (brushing their teeth, tidying their bedroom, doing 10 star jumps).
- In the bath/kitchen sink/paddling pool/bucket etc. pour water from and to different sized containers. How many little ones does it take to fill the largest one? Put the containers in order of capacity.
- Use real money to play shops. Label toys/food etc. with prices (up to 20p) and role play paying.
- Count forward and backward to 20.
- Write any ten numbers between 1 to 20. Cut them out and mix them up. Arrange them again from smallest to largest.
- Write some number facts that will add up to 10.

Also, look at the Foundation to Key Stage 1 transition leaflet which will have ideas to keep learning fresh over the summer!

Although next week is the final week of school, the children will continue to complete their usual activities.

- There will be no Maths homework in the final week, however reading books will be sent home on Monday and Wednesday. Handwriting books will be sent home on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday to allow us to finish them.
- Children will bring their workbooks and any Art work home on Wednesday.
- Yellow library books and red book bags are to be returned to school by Thursday 4th July.
- Both book bags will remain in school throughout the summer holidays and will be passed onto the Year 1 teachers.
- Children's Tapestry Journals can be downloaded by yourselves. Further information about this will be sent home via a parent mail. They will be available for download for three weeks and after this time, in accordance with our GDPR policy, they will be deactivated.

As we approach the end of the Foundation year, the children will also bring home their wellies, sun cream and water bottles. It would be particularly useful if your child could empty their red book bags for the final week of term.

We wish you all a restful and enjoyable summer break and look forward to welcoming you back in September with your Year 1 children!

Best wishes,

The Foundation Team