

Foundation

This week has involved a range of new activities for the children, such as their PE lesson on Tuesday. The children worked hard to remove socks, shoes and jumpers before making use of the large space in the Sports Hall. They have also been to their first choir session, had Music in the Music Room, had Games in Ashburton Hall, a few Stars of the Week have been celebrated in Celebration Assembly and some children have started their Balance Bike sessions. Photos of some of these activities can be seen on the VLE.

We have also worked hard on hearing words that rhyme and show alliteration. To practise these skills at home you could share nursery rhymes or stories that rhyme; play I-spy; or think of words that start with the same initial as your child's name.

This week in Maths the children have been practising recognising and making patterns by copying actions, using Lego and drawing patterns on whiteboards. We would like you to continue this learning at home. Some suggestions for activities are:

- Making pasta necklaces – either using coloured pasta or colouring your own with felt tip pens or paint
- Printing with fruit/veg or any other objects
- Using threading beads, Lego bricks etc.
- Looking for patterns in the environment/taking rubbings eg. brickwork, Duplo blocks etc.

Next week, our topic focus will be on how we change as we grow.

From Monday, the children will begin to learn their sounds. They will bring home a 'Phonic Booklet' which contains work done on the letter in class and then a short piece of homework related to the sound learnt. Please help your child to complete this homework and return the booklet to school every day so that a new sound can be learnt (Monday to Thursday). Friday is used to consolidate sounds learnt. After every 4 sounds taught, there is a page with those sounds on which can be removed and used as flash cards to support your child's learning.

On Tuesday we are having our individual and family group photographs.

We hope to see many of you at the SFPA Scavenger Hunt event tomorrow.

The Foundation Team