

Foundation

This week the children have started to learn to read and write. All the children have worked extremely hard to recall the letter sounds and to practise the formation with 'lead in' and 'lead out' lines. We hope that your child has enjoyed practising their letter formation and letter recognition using their phonic booklet. Please don't worry if your child is finding the formation hard – we will keep practising and at this stage the most important thing is learning the sounds. Keep persevering! Please return the booklet to school every day, even if the homework is unfinished. The children learn 4 new sounds a week with Friday being used to consolidate the week's learning – there will be no new letter to complete at the weekend.

We have also been thinking about how we change as we grow older by sharing how we know we have grown. The children enjoyed manipulating clay to make a face.

This week in Maths we have been learning about estimating using language such as bigger, smaller, full, fuller, empty, emptier. For homework this week, we would like you to find a jar and some objects. Put the objects in the jar and ask your child(ren) to guess how many things are in the jar and then count to see if they are right. Questions you could ask your child include:

- How many do you think there are? Why do you think that?
- Will it be more or less than 20? A lot more/less? Or a little more/less?
- Will it be between 15-20? A little or a lot more than this?
- How many can you see? How many do you think are hidden?
- Was your guess more or less than the actual count?
- Was your guess close/way out? Why do you think that was?
- What if we fill it up with something different? Will we get a different answer? Why?

We hope that you will be able to attend the 'Early Years Foundation Curriculum Presentation' on Monday 30th September at 19:00 in Ashburton Hall, where the Foundation teachers will speak in more detail about the Foundation stage curriculum and how you can best support your child this year.

Next week, we will be thinking about our bodies. The children will take part in a collaborative art work, name parts of the body and will discover some of the things that happen to our body when we exercise. For Games and PE, the children need their kit bags, with all items, on Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

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