

Foundation

This week we have been hearing about the children's experiences of pets. One playtime, we found a lost dog in the playground and the children have been busy making posters to try and find his owner. Luckily, a man from a house around the corner turned up, after school had ended, to come and collect him – the posters clearly worked! We were visited by, Mabel (Miss Kennerley's dog) and by Dr Tunstill (mother of Ollie, FLW) who talked to the children about her job as a vet. We loved meeting her dog Teasel and dressing up as a vet (photos on the [VLE](#)). We also were very interested to hear about your pets, both real and much wanted!

The children have continued to learn new letter sounds and practise correct letter formation. The process of blending these individual sounds into words has begun and the children are working hard to do this independently. Please keep practising the sounds using the flash cards you have made. There are also lots of great games to practise on the BusyThings website, accessed via the [VLE](#). In order to find the games you will need to select Literacy, Communication and Language, then click on Phonics Programme and then Phase 2, 3, and 4 Basic Letters and Sounds.

We have been working hard on improving our pencil grip this half-term. One of the exercises we do is the 'Dough Disco', where we dance with our fingers in playdough. Examples of this can be seen on the [VLE](#).

In Maths this week, the children have been practising recognising and ordering numbers to 5. For homework, we would like you to complete the sheet sent home in the children's book-bags. Help your child cut out the numbers and stick them onto the squares on the paper. Please return this to school on Monday.

Next week, we are thinking about the new friends the children have made since the start of the school year.

We look forward to discussing how your child has settled into Foundation at your parent teacher meeting next week.

The Foundation Team