

# Foundation

Thank you for attending the recent parent-teacher meetings. We hope that you found the opportunity to speak with us useful.

We have enjoyed our book week where we have been busy thinking about many different traditional tales. The children followed the story of Jack and the Beanstalk by sending a programmable toy round a story map. They made cottages to keep the three little pigs safe from the Wolf. There was much excitement as the children met the author of one of the most polar books in our classrooms, Tracey Corderoy. She talked to the children about her books, read them a story and, we are sure, inspired some to become authors themselves.

We were also pleased to host a Drama workshop run by *Perform* on Tuesday. The children had a wonderful time exploring the theme of *Around The World* and using drama, dance and singing to help develop their confidence, concentration and social skills. To complement the workshop, there is a free educational app for iPhones and iPads based around the theme of *Around The World*. It contains fun games, creative tasks and videos of the themed songs and dances. Click [here](#) to download it free or [here](#) to find out more about the *Around The World* theme. *Perform* run regular weekly classes in the local area and they are offering a special introductory discount to all parents of St Faith's School if they come along for a free trial session before Tuesday 3rd March. To claim your discount, just call *Perform* on 020 7255 9120 quoting STFT030320 or book online at [perform.org.uk](http://perform.org.uk).

This week in Maths the children have been learning about positional language and time. In order to support this at home ask your child to fetch you a named object (a storybook, a soft toy, a cup etc). Ask them questions such as

- Where does \_\_\_\_\_ live?
- Please can you put \_\_\_\_\_ next to \_\_\_\_\_
- Put \_\_\_\_\_ below \_\_\_\_\_

encouraging the use of positional language such as the words up, down, over, under, into, out of, beside, next to, away from, across, between, behind, in front of, at the back, through, top, bottom, inside, outside and upside down. Your child could then give you instructions for putting a tray, box, basket ... away on a particular shelf.

After half term, we will continue with our topic of 'Once upon a time...' with stories from round the world starting with a story from Kenya. Please could you also send in a clean round (cylindrical) cardboard container (eg. a Pringle tube, cocoa powder tube, etc.) for the week starting 2<sup>nd</sup> March.

In case you are looking for something to do at half-term, here is a link to Twilight at the Museums – an annual FREE after-hours event for families, where museums and collections across Cambridge offer a variety of torch-lit and illuminated activities:

[https://www.museums.cam.ac.uk/events/twilight\\_museums](https://www.museums.cam.ac.uk/events/twilight_museums)

We hope you have a relaxing break,  
The Foundation Team