

# Foundation

This week the children have been to Australia where they listened to the Aboriginal story of 'The Rainbow Bird'. We thought of some words to describe him and made maps of imaginary places. We also made pictures based on Aboriginal dot art. We enjoyed watching the Year 1 show on Wednesday. The display, as you come into Southfield, has some examples of art work, linked to the different continents, that we have completed to support our learning.

The Squirrels and the Owls enjoyed the warmer weather when they visited the wild place. The children have been busy excavating some bricks they found; each group carrying on where the last left off!

This week in Maths we have been practising subtracting and adding two single digits together. To supplement this work, please play the Incy Wincy game on the board provided. Your child can choose to be either the sun or the rain. Then take it in turns to throw the dice and move the spider up or down the drainpipe according to their role. The dots on the dice determine how many jumps to take and direct the 'spider' who counts each jump after landing. Questions you might like to ask as you play include:

- Where are you now?
- How many jumps did you make?
- Why did the sun win, do you think?
- You've thrown two: what do you have to do now?
- How many steps more have you got to go?
- You've thrown three - will that get you to the end?
- How many turns do you think you will need to get to the end?
- Can you put something on paper to show what numbers you threw or to show someone what you learned from the game?
- What do you think will happen? Why?

In order to help with hygiene, all children in Foundation will receive their own pencil, whiteboard pen and board. This will, of course, take up room in their trays therefore we ask no toys to be brought into school to enable us to have enough space. We have also been talking to the children about the importance of hand washing and using a tissue or sleeve to catch any sneeze or cough!

The final continent we are visiting next week, is South America, where we will be learning about animals in the Amazon Rainforest and making God's eyes.

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