

Foundation

This week we have been thinking about our school. We enjoyed walking round the school site (with our coats carefully zipped up) and then drew a map of the school site. We have also been busy practising our Nativity play and enjoyed performing it to an audience of Year 1s on Thursday! Thank you to those parents who have sent in costumes and been practising lines – we are so grateful to your support.

As the weather gets colder, we still carry on with our outdoor learning and playing, so it is really important that the children zip up their coats. We would like to set each class a challenge to learn to zip up their coats and demonstrate the fantastic Learning Habits of independence and resilience! Please help your child practise this skill at home. You might like to use this ditty to help: the zipper is the monkey and the tab side is the banana. You put the banana in the monkey and the monkey climbs the tree.

As we have now finished 'Phonic booklet 1b', keep this at home and use it to continue to practise the letter sounds and formation. The children really benefit from repetition and revision – especially as we start to introduce further digraphs and trigraphs in January. We will continue to send home phonics homework on Mondays - Thursdays to be completed and sent back in the following day. Please help your child to do the task and remember to use a pencil! We will start the next phonics booklet (2a) at the start of next term.

Please note that on Saturday 27th November, the VLE will be undergoing some routine maintenance and so will be off line for that day. We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause you.

For Maths homework, please make the Snowman Countdown paper chain, found in book bags, to help count down the days until Christmas. Things you might like to do with the Snowman chain:

- Help your child read the numbers on the rings.
- Count backwards from 25.
- Work out how many days left until our Christmas party (7th December) / the start of the holiday / Christmas!
- Count how many days have passed so far.
- Talk about what is happening on each day or ask questions like, "on what date is the party on?" or "What will the date be in three days' time?"

Next week, we will be finding out about the first Christmas and we are looking forward to our Advent service on Monday where the two youngest children in school will be lighting the first candle on our advent wreath. This will mean, however, FCSH will miss their Library time. Our word of the week will be 'Advent'.

Best Wishes

The Foundation Team