

Foundation

Monday saw us celebrate the start of Spring with a walk by Vicar's Brook in glorious weather. Many thanks to the parents who came to help us; your support with the wider curriculum is invaluable. The rest of the week we managed to fit in all our usual activities, in addition to making edible nests, exploring the Wild Place and creating observational drawings of spring flowers... whilst also thinking about Easter and Mother's Day!

We have sent home an 'Easter Scrapbook' for the children to use to document their holiday activities. You may like to include photographs, drawings or writing and these will be shared in the first few days of the new term. This activity focuses upon your child's communication skills; they will be able to practise speaking to an audience about past events and develop their awareness of the listener when talking. You will also find three reading books in your child's book bag.

This term in Maths we have been focusing on reading and writing numbers to 10 and beyond; adding and subtracting single digit numbers; naming a range of 2D and 3D shapes; and sorting objects by weight and height. Ways to support this learning over the Easter holidays include:

- Playing board games such as snakes and ladders to practise reading numbers and counting on.
- Playing Maths games on the VLE and BusyThings, such as Action Time and Numerical order.
- Sharing Easter eggs, sweets, objects etc.
- Writing the numbers from 0 – 10.
- Counting forwards and backwards to and from 20. Can you start/end at different places?
- Encouraging your child to put an object in different places and then tell you where it is with the use of positional language, such as next to, in front of, beside, under, on top, behind.
- Cooking - weighing and following instructions.

We also sadly said good bye to Philippe (FCSH) who is moving back to Denmark. We wish you good luck in your new school and will miss you lots!

Our topic next half term will be 'My Place in the World', with an overview available on the VLE and on My School Portal.

We look forward to seeing the children back in April, in summer uniform, and hearing about their activities during the break.

Happy Easter!
The Foundation Team