

Foundation

Dear families,

On Monday we joined the rest of the school to observe the 2 minutes silence for Remembrance, the children behaved with respect and understanding of the solemnity of the occasion. Our play enhancements this week have including lots of poppies, using bottle tops to print with and exploring the shapes of poppies when using loose parts to make representations of these vibrant flowers.

The children have also enjoyed designing and making their own brooms, inspired by the ending of Julia Donaldson's story Room on the Broom. A shower, sweetie machine, chocolate fountain and trampoline were some of the ideas for added extras – we are not sure quite how aerodynamic these brooms might be, however, the future engineers, designers and problem solvers among our cohort will undoubtedly rise to similar challenges in the future!

Today your child is bringing home the first set of Level 3 flashcards (j, v, w, x) and a phoneme mat to keep at home to support the accompanying actions. Please add these to your collection of Level 2 flashcards in their plastic wallets. As ever, pronunciation videos from Miss Harder will continue to be shared to support the correct articulation of sounds.

As well as flashcards and their reading book, your child has some lines to practise for our Christmas Nativity (most children have a short sentence). Please can we ask you to support them in beginning to memorise this line and speak it in a slow, clear 'performing' voice (not shouting, not whispering). Dances and songs are coming together well and our first rehearsal with words this afternoon suggests we will all be in for a delightful show! Rehearsing these lines is the Foundation homework this weekend.

On Monday the whole school will be acknowledging 'Odd Socks' day, as part of our Anti-bullying week. Children are invited to wear a pair of colourful 'odd' socks or tights for the day. We are not asking for any money to be donated for this event, and it is entirely appropriate for children not to wear odd socks if they would prefer.

With best wishes for a lovely weekend,

The Foundation Team