

# Foundation

Dear families,

Welcome back! It was so lovely to see the children on Tuesday morning, looking well rested with shiny new haircuts and super confidence as they came into the classrooms and organised their belongings ready for the day ahead. They have certainly grown!

This is a busy half term with lots of exciting things ahead, so a reminder please to check the calendar on My School Portal for various dates of note. The most important being, our Foundation Nativity! Further details to come including any lines your child will need to practise and costume details. Please note we have a 'relaxed' performance for families with young children and the rest of Pre Prep on Tuesday 3rd December at 09:00. Our 'adults only' performance will be on Wednesday 4th December at 09:00.

This week we have been looking at circles and triangles, thinking about the properties of these shapes and spotting them in our environment. We have also finished our Level 2 phonics looking at double letters.. Next week, we begin Level 3 with the final single letter sounds and as the term progresses, digraphs (where 2 letters make one sound). This week and next our story focus is 'Room on the Broom', with added Bonfire Night and Remembrance enhancements. For homework this weekend, inspired by Julia Donaldson's story, we would like the children to go on a rhyme hunt. Can you find any pairs of objects in your house that rhyme? For example, bell and shell, lock and rock. As ever please share via seesaw.

We are currently rejuvenating our loose parts resources, and are on the scrounge for anything you may have hiding in your cupboards! Please see examples in the list below. As ever please continue to send cardboard junk modelling resources into your child's class (no nuts and nothing larger than a cereal box).

- Shells
- Conkers
- Pine cones
- Buttons
- Bead / old jewellery
- Plastic Bottle tops
- Corks
- Curtain rings
- Old screws, nuts, bolts,
- Pieces of bark, interesting wood
- Empty picture frames
- Pebbles, small stones
- Fake flowers / greenery

- Cotton reels
- Cable reels/drums
- Boxes, baskets of all shapes and sizes
- Old kitchen utensils - pots, pans, sieves, mashers, muffin tins
- Scrap bits of fabric, netting, ribbon
- Bubble wrap
- Fake grass - any size!
- Clothes pegs - any types
- Golf tees



For those of you attending the SPPA fireworks this evening, we hope you have a wonderful and safe time.

With best wishes for a lovely weekend,

The Foundation Team