

Dear Butterflies and Bumblebees,

As the weather has now become colder, it would be great if you could practise putting on your coat and taking it off independently. Don't forget to try doing up your own zip as well!

Have a look at **Google Classroom** with a grown up and you will find a counting activity to complete. Finish by writing your numbers in your Home School Diary.

Have fun

Love Benny and Bertie



Week beginning 12<sup>th</sup> October 2020

Dear Parents,

Where are the weeks going! The children are all trying so hard with their learning and doing so well at school. We have had a go at lots of different activities in the classrooms and the children are becoming very independent in their new environment. We have been busy working on our fine motor skills to support our handwriting and we are spending lots of time working on writing our names. Thank you for continuing to practise this at home as well. This week, we have come to the end of our learning about the Naughty Bus and we have now started to focus on Fireman Sam and people who help us. Take a look at our Facebook page for some photos of the fun we had with the Naughty Bus.

Thank you for continuing to read with your child and for helping them to learn their sounds. You will find the new sounds they have learnt this week in their book bags (ck, e, u, r) as well as the first set of tricky words, which are learnt by sight. It would be great if you could get the children to demonstrate the sounds and actions that they have learnt this week. As they have now learnt a few sounds, you can also use the attached word lists to try blending sounds together to make a word.

We hope that you found our interactive phonics workshop useful. If you haven't had a chance to look at the PowerPoint yet, it can still be accessed through Google classroom. If you have any further questions about phonics and how to support your child at home, please do get in touch. We would also welcome feedback about this 'online' approach to parent workshops as this is all quite new to us as well! Below are some useful websites for phonics:

<https://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zf2yf4j>

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/Search.aspx?q=phonics>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/grownups/the-alphablocks-guide-to-phonics>

During Maths we have continued with the Make it, Draw it and Write it, where the children 'make' a number by getting that amount of objects; they then 'draw' the number by drawing that amount of circles; and finally they 'write' it, forming the numeral. Why not ask your child if they can show you how to do this for a given number. For this week's home learning, we have added a **Maths activity** to Google Classroom for your child to complete. It would be great if you could support them with counting the pictures and selecting a number.

We can definitely tell that it is Autumn now with the weather changing and the night's drawing in. We will be discussing Autumn next week so any if the children would like to bring in any items to discuss, such as leaves and conkers, that would be great!

Finally, we just wanted to mention that on a Wednesday you may have heard the children talk about Mrs Stratas, who has been covering in both the Bumblebees and Butterflies during our planning, preparation and assessment (PPA) time. She has really enjoyed getting to know the children and she will join us each Wednesday for the rest of the year.

Have a lovely weekend and should you have any questions please do not hesitate to ask, you can either write it in the home school diary or arrange to speak to us when convenient.

Mrs Brown, Mrs Uttley, Mrs Fawcett-Jones, Mrs Coates and Mrs Wade