Dear Butterflies and Bumblebees,

You have been sent new sounds. Can you say them aloud and write them, then cover them up and write them again without looking at them. After you've done this you might like to choose other ways to write some of the words on your word list: could you paint them? Write them on big paper? Spell them out with pasta? We're sure you'll come up with some great ideas!

Love Buzz and Bertie

Week beginning 24th January 2022

Dear Parents,

This week, the children have loved getting to know the story map and actions of 'Supertato'. They have been busy sharing their ideas and retelling the story to their friends. Bumblebees and Butterflies have been very creative this week, most recently during Busytime when the children had to save the Evil peas from the jelly using just tweezers. They also loved making some vegetable print art work using paints, the children very much enjoyed seeing how their print would turn out.

Did you hear about the commotion in Foundation on Wednesday morning?! The children came into school to find vegetables trapped in the classroomsl: they had been stuck down and drawn on and they looked rather scared! We think we know who might be to blame: Evil Pea! The children then spent Wednesday morning making 'Wanted' posters, in the hope that everyone at school could help us look out for Evil Pea and return him to the freezer. Our super posters must have done the trick, as there haven't been any more disturbances since. We think the vegetables are safe for now!

In maths this week we have been learning about capacity. The children have explored different containers and what capacity they hold. We have spoken about it being, empty, full, half empty/half full, nearly empty and nearly full. All the Butterflies and Bumblebees loved taking turns pouring water into the containers at a specified amount. The children can continue to explore this at home if they wish.

This week for phonics, some of the children have looked at the trigraphs 'ear and ure' and have also been consolidating the following sounds: oo, ar, or, ur, ow, oi, ai, ee, er and oa. The Butterflies and Bumblebees enjoy their phonics lessons and they impress us daily with their phonics knowledge. These sounds have now been sent home for you to practise at home.

Dates for Diary

- Tuesday 1st February rescheduled Literacy workshop
- Tuesday 1st February- Chinese New Year. This year, it is the year of the tiger. The Butterflies and Bumblebees will be getting creative and making some lovely artwork based on this.
- Friday 11th February- Last day of term 3.
- **Tuesday 22nd February** Foundation Vision and NCMP Screening. (You will get more information on this nearer the time).

Please remember that if you have any queries or questions you can always catch us at the end of the day, or write us a note in the home school diary.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Uttley, Miss Ralph, Mrs Coates, Mrs Wade and Mrs Fawcett-Jones



