

Dear Butterflies and Bumblebees,

This week, we have been learning about the concept of halving. Can you use the bar model on the back of the newsletter to show a grown up how we can half an amount and find the answer. You can do this using real world items such as pasta, buttons, stones etc. Remember the saying as you share the items equally to help you, 'one for you, one for me'.

Love Buzz and Bertie



Week beginning 21st March 2022

Dear Parents,

We cannot quite believe that we are almost at the end of Term 4! This will be our last newsletter of the term, as we have a staff development day on the Friday next week. We just want to take the opportunity to say how proud we are of all the children. They impress us every day with their learning and enthusiasm. The Foundation team are particularly impressed with how well the children have coped with some challenging circumstances recently. Thank you to parents and carers who have supported children and staff during this time, it is very much appreciated.

This week, we have moved our focus slightly from pirates to instruction writing. The children have enjoyed writing their instructions on 'How to make a mother's day card'. We hope the end result makes you smile. We have also been looking at the concept of halving for our Maths learning this week and used the concrete, pictorial, abstract (CPA) approach to help us with this. The children explored how some amounts cannot be shared equally and that the end result needs to be fair.

Next week, we will be finishing the term with lots of fun Easter activities, as well as making musical instruments and singing along to some sea shanties. We still welcome any donations of recycling to use for junk modelling, especially small cardboard boxes and tube shaped items. Thank you very much in advance.

Next term our topic will be 'Creatures Big and Small'; we will be learning a fiction text 'Three Billy Goats Gruff' and an information text on trolls. Over the Easter holidays, we would like you to make an information poster on a creature big or small of your choice. Some examples have been sent home for you. These need to be handed in by Friday 22nd April.

From term 5 the children in Butterflies and Bumblebees will be having their playtimes on the main playground with the rest of KS1, this is to help them with the transition into year 1 come September time. A member of the Foundation team will be with them at all times whilst they are using the main playground.

The Bumblebees have thoroughly enjoyed their time in P.E using the balance bikes from the 'balanceability' team. They have learnt a range of skills from using their core muscles to balance and keep themselves upright to going around a track in a circuit. They have practised stopping their bike and checking for pedestrians. Butterflies will be participating in 'Balanceability' in term 5; this will be on a Friday whilst Bumblebees will be continuing with their 'Ball skills'.

Dates for your diary –

- **Parent Consultations-** Monday 28th March and Tuesday 29th March
- **Last Thursday of term (31st March)** - Fish and Chip day
- **Thursday 31st march-** Boiled Egg decorating (See separate letter emailed from the office)
- **Staff Development Day –** Friday 1st April (Children are not in School)
- **Last day of term 4 –** Thursday 31st March
- **Start of Term 5-** Tuesday 19th April

Have a wonderful weekend,

The Foundation Team

