

Dear Ladybirds and Bumblebees,

This week you will receive a separate letter about a whole school home learning project. We hope have fun completing this and we look forward to seeing what you come up with!

Have fun

Love Buzz and Lola



Week beginning 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2022

Dear Parents,

We have had another busy week here in Foundation. We have been learning a brand new text based on the story 'Whatever Next' by Jill Murphy. The children have already begun a piece of learning on this text, this is called their 'Cold Task'. A Cold Task is a piece of learning that the children complete at the beginning of a unit. After teaching the unit, we will then do another piece of learning with them this is called a 'Hot Task'. We then look at the two pieces of work and it is amazing at how far the children progress in just a few weeks! Cold and Hot tasks are something the children will continue to do throughout their time here at Sandgate. The Bumblebees and Ladybirds are really enjoying this new story and have loved getting creative and imaginative with their ideas. We have seen lots of story map making, rocket and space writing taking place. We even have a space ship in the Ladybirds classroom! They have been working hard on practising writing their names as well, but we would grateful if you could spend some time on this at home as well.

For our Maths learning this week, we have been focusing on what a number means and using the 'make it, draw it, write it' approach to help us with this. We have looked at the numbers 6, 7, 8 and 9, considering different ways that the numbers are formed.

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). 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 you are enjoying looking at the single sound books too, please do not worry if you have not received one yet, they are making their way around both classes.

As the children are now very settled with their morning routines, we ask that they begin to walk up the slope in the morning on their own. This is to help them with their independence and to ensure a prompt start to the school day.

Finally, just a reminded to label all items of clothing, we currently have a numbers of jumpers in the classrooms with no names!

#### **Dates for your diaries:**

- **Book week is the week beginning Monday 10<sup>th</sup> October-** Children will have the opportunity to browse the book fayre with their teachers during school time. There will then there will be the chance to purchase these after school with parents in main hall or online- more information on this to follow.
- **Book share - 11<sup>th</sup> October 3.15-3.45-** a chance to come into class and look at the children's learning journeys with them.
- **PJ and Twist Night- Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> October. 6pm- 7pm-** The children are invited to come to school in suitable nightwear and listen to a story with some of their teachers. Feel free to layer them up!
- **FLU vaccinations - Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November-** Your child will be offered a free flu vaccination from the School Public Health and Kent and Medway Immunisation Service. This will be given in school and is a completely painless gentle squirt up the nose. This week you should have received information about how to opt in or out of this vaccination.

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.

The Foundation Team