

Dear Ladybirds and Bumblebees,

This week you will would like you to continue with the home school learning projects that were set last week. We are really looking forward to seeing what you come up with!

Have fun

Love Buzz and Lola

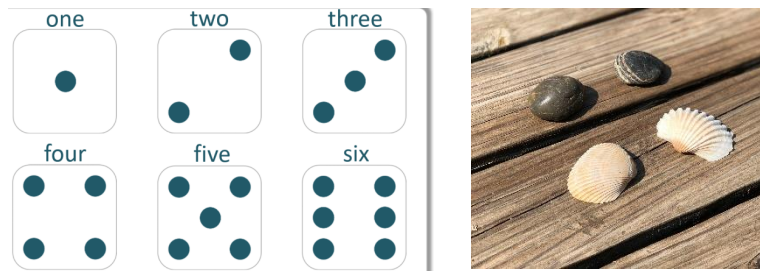


Week beginning 10th October 2022

Dear Parents,

We have had another busy week here in Foundation. Children have really enjoyed all the celebrations around Book Week, including a class visit to the book fair, and of course, PJ night! It was lovely to see so many of you there and we hope you enjoyed it as much as we did! We have been impressed with the variety of books children have been reading, and with the enthusiasm with which they discuss these. The Bumblebees and Ladybirds have continued to enjoy using Whatever Next as our story, and this week have been innovating the text, thinking about how we could change the main character. They have been working hard on practising writing their names as well, but we would grateful if you could continue to spend some time on this at home too.

For our Maths learning this week, we have been focusing on subitising up to five. This is where we look at a representation of a number (such as on a dice) and “just know” what the number is, without having to count. We can do this with an amount of items as well. Playing lots of board games can really help children with subitising. An example of subitising can be found below:



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 (h, b, f, and l). You will also find some flashcards of the first three ‘rainbow words’ we have learnt (the, to, I). These are words that cannot be sounded phonetically and need to be learnt by sight. 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.

Well done to the children this week have had a go at coming into school on their own from the gate! We are so impressed and proud of you. This is something that will be continued and encouraged for independence. If there is a message that you need to give the class teachers, please write it in the home school diary, pass it to the adults on the gate or you can phone the school office. We will always find a time to respond.

Dates for your diaries:

- **FLU vaccinations - Wednesday 2nd 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 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