

Dear Ladybirds and Bumblebees,

We really want to hear all about your WOW! moments. This is anything that you have achieved recently: any new foods you have tried, any sporting results, any certificates you have received outside of school, anything at all! We would love to hear about it and share it with the class. Please record it on a separate piece of paper so that we can display it on our WOW! wall.

There is no rush to hand this in, just as and when a WOW! moment might occur.

Love Buzz and Lottie



Week beginning 18th September 2023

Dear Parents/carers,

We have had another great week here in Foundation! The children have been getting used to the routines of the day and have really impressed us with how quickly they have become familiar with these. We've certainly spotted some children looking a little tired this week but their positivity and can-do attitudes don't appear to be tiring at all! Keep it up, Ladybirds and Bumblebees!

During Literacy this week, the children have continued to practise recognising and writing their names whilst holding their pencils with a tripod grip. They have also been very busy making their own story maps for 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt' and retelling the story to each other, as well as making 'lost bear' posters. They have also been practising their cutting skills.

In Phonics, we have been learning the sounds 'i', 'm', 'n' and 'd', which we have put in your child's bookbag today, for you to practise at home. You may also like to practise blending some simple words, as suggested on the word lists we have included with the sounds.

Please remember to write a short note in your child's home-school diary each time you read their reading book together, so that we know how they are getting on with their reading at home, and so that we can ensure we change their books as regularly as necessary.

In Maths this week, we have been subitising, which means recognising small amounts (up to three) without having to count them. We have also been representing quantities on our fingers. Why not have a little go at this over the weekend! How quickly can your child show you a given amount of fingers?

Dates for your diary

- **Monday 25th September** –Individual school photos
- **Wednesday 27th September at 5.30pm** - Parent Phonics Workshop.

With the ever-changing weather this week the children have been taking their jumpers and cardigans off and putting them back on again quite regularly and we have noticed that a lot of children struggle with this. We are, of course, happy to help them with this but we would appreciate time being spent on practising this at home. Similarly, practising putting coats on and off and doing zips up would be time well spent, as the quicker the children can do this, the quicker we can all get outside to play! 😊

Finally, we would be grateful for any donations of recycling for our junk modelling area. Things such as small cardboard boxes and tubes would be ideal. We just ask that any items that come in are clean and do not have any sharp edges.

We hope that you all have a lovely and restful weekend.

The Foundation Team

P.S. Don't forget to check out 'Marvellous Me', to see if your child has received any badges this week.