

Dear Ladybirds and Bumblebees,

This weekend, we would like you to think about the sounds we have learnt so far (s,a,t,p). Can you spot any objects around your home or when you are out and about that start with these sounds? You could draw us a picture of what you find in your home school diary.

Have fun!

Love Buzz and Lottie



Week beginning 9th September 2024

Dear Parents/carers,

What a great week we have had here in Foundation! The children have been extremely busy getting used to the new routines and it has been lovely to see them become more confident and comfortable in their new environment. All of the Foundation team are very impressed with how the children have managed the transition to a full-time timetable.

We have also been blown away by some of the children's confidence in attempting to come into school independently! If your child has not yet come into school independently, it is something we would like to encourage from next week. If they feel a little unsure about this, finding a friend for them to walk from the gate with is a great idea.

We have continued to learn the story 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt' this week. Can your child recite some of this to you at home? Perhaps they can show you the actions we have added to the story too? The children have also been practising recognising and writing their own name and in Maths they have been learning to subitise – which is when you can look at a group of objects or images, such as dots, and know how many there are without counting them one by one.

In your child's bookbag today you will find a wallet containing flashcards of the sounds that we have been learning this week (s, a, t, p), for the children to practise recall with at home. They will hopefully be able to tell you each sound and the accompanying action that helps us remember it. In the wallet you will also find a name card for your child, to help them practise writing their names with the correct letter formation. We encourage the children to use the 'tripod' grip when holding their pencil. An image of how this looks is shown.



We hope you have enjoyed reading your child's sharing book with them this week and continue to do so over the weekend. If you have not already done so, we ask that you write a note in your child's home-school diary to let us know that the book has been read, so that we know to change it for a new one on Monday. Reading books containing the sounds that the children have been learning in phonics, for the children to attempt to read themselves, will be sent out from the middle of next week.

Dates for your diary:

- **Thursday 26th September, 5.30pm** - Parent Phonics Workshop. (Huge apologies again for the confusion around the initial dates that were sent out.)

Just a reminder:

- Please send your child to school with a water bottle every day. The children are able to help themselves to these when they need to, as well as being encouraged to have a drink at various points throughout the day.

Have a lovely weekend and should you have any questions please do not hesitate to ask, either by writing in the home-school diary, chatting to us at the end of the day, or calling the school office.

The Foundation Team