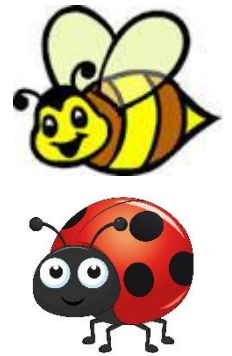


Dear Ladybirds and Bumblebees,

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 16<sup>th</sup> September 2024

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 thinking about how we can make changes to our story, something that we call 'innovating'. This week, we have changed the bear in the story to a different animal and made story maps to show this. We have also been working with the children to add labels to their pictures, specifically thinking about the initial sound that words start with.

In Phonics, we have been learning the sounds 'i', 'n', 'm' 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. We also hope you have enjoyed looking through the new 'Read and See' books with your child this week, alongside the sharing book. The sound specific books are a chance for your child to apply their knowledge and blend sounds together to make a word. These will be changed on a Monday, Wednesday and Friday if you write a note in your child's home-school diary to let us know that the book has been read. (If there is no note we will assume you need to keep the book a little longer.)

### **Book week is fast approaching!**

Each year, we celebrate Book Week at Sandgate. Every day on the week beginning 30<sup>th</sup> September, a book fair will be held at the school between 3.20-4:00. All commission raised from the book fair is then spent on new books for our library.

Our main event of the week is **PJ Night** that runs between 6-7pm on **Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October**. There is no need to book in advance, just turn up! On this night, your child can return to school in their pyjamas (with a cuddly toy of course) and enjoy two reading sessions with a member of staff. These reading sessions will not take place in your child's usual classroom, but you will be provided with a map of where to go on the night. If you are unsure, please approach any member of staff and they can point you in the right direction. During these two story sessions (6:10-6:30 and 6:40-7:00), you can browse the book fair or attend the Phonics workshop or Accelerated Reader workshop in the Year 3 Bears classroom. (This short Phonics workshop is a recap available to parents of children throughout the school and is in addition to our Foundation specific Phonics workshop that is being held the week before.)

### **Dates for your diary**

- **Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> September** – Individual school photos – NO PE KITS ON THIS DAY
- **Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> September at 5.30pm** – Foundation Parent Phonics Workshop.
- **Monday 30<sup>th</sup> September – Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October** - Book Week
- **Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 6-7pm** – PJ Night

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

