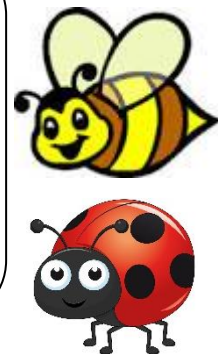


Dear Ladybirds and Bumblebees,

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 15th September 2025

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 are also very proud of the how the children are coming into school with more independence in the mornings.

During Literacy this week, the children have continued to practise recognising and writing their names whilst holding their pencils with a tripod grip (they may refer to this as 'quack- quack fingers' or 'crocodile 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 changed our 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 book bag 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.)

As we are beginning to learn lots of new sounds, we are also having a go at writing these letters. Therefore, in your child's book bag we have included a laminated alphabet sheet and whiteboard pen for your child to have a go at their letters at home. Any time you can spend on this is greatly appreciated.

This week in maths, the children have been learning all about the purpose of counting, to find out 'how many' are in a group. They've been building on their subitising skills by carefully counting objects one by one, using actions like pointing or circling to help them see that the last number they say tells them the total. They've also discovered that lots of different things can be counted, including sounds, and have had fun joining in with counting rhymes to practise the counting sequence.

Book week

Each year, we celebrate Book Week at Sandgate. Every day on the week beginning 29th September, a book fair will be held in the main hall between 3.20-4:00pm. All commission raised from the book fair is then spent on new books for our library. You can pop in for a browse or to buy books. Both card and cash are accepted.

We are also excited to welcome you into our classrooms for a 'Reading together event' on Tuesday 30th September. We will all listen to a story, then you will have the opportunity to do some activities in the classroom with your child. Please do not worry if you cannot make it, the teachers and TAs will be on hand to have a group of children with them.

Dates for your diary

- **Tuesday 23rd September** – Individual school photos – Please make sure your child has a cardigan or jumper to wear.
- **Wednesday 24th September at 5.30pm** – Foundation Parent Phonics Workshop.
- **Monday 29th September- Friday 3rd October from 3.20-4.00pm** – Scholastic book fair in main hall
- **Tuesday 30th September from 2.15pm – 3pm** – Reading Together Event (these will take place in our classrooms)

Finally, we would be grateful for any donations of recycling for our junk modelling area. Things such as small cardboard boxes and kitchen roll 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