

Dear Ladybirds and Bumblebees,

We have really enjoyed seeing the shape learning you have been doing in class this week. This weekend, when you're at home or out and about, can you look out for shapes in the environment? Will you be able to spot any of the shapes you have been learning about? If you can, we'd love for you to draw them in your home school diary and have a go at labelling them.

Love Buzz and Lottie



Week beginning 1<sup>st</sup> December 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

This week has been another festive one here in Foundation! We have continued to enjoy a range of Christmas and winter-related activities during Explorer Time and rehearse for our Christmas performance. As part of our wider curriculum learning, we have also been exploring Christmas traditions from around the world.

In Literacy, we have continued our instruction writing, and in Maths, our focus has been on shapes; specifically circles, triangles, squares and rectangles. We have been using mathematical language such as 'sides', 'corners', 'straight' and 'round' to describe them.

This week we have also been learning about the Hindu celebration of Diwali and the Muslim celebration of Eid. Why not ask us what we can remember about these celebrations and discuss similarities that many festivals share (for example, decorations, special meals, giving gifts etc.)

Thank you for continuing to read with your child and for supporting them with learning their sounds. This week we have learnt ear, ow, ur and oi. We have one week of Animaphonics Phase 3 remaining, after which we will spend the final week of term consolidating our Phase 3 learning.

#### Christmas Performances

Please ensure that Christmas play costumes are sent into school on Monday, if they have not already been brought in.

If your child has any lines to learn, please continue to practise with them at home. Thank you for your support with this, it makes a huge difference.

You are invited to come and watch the play on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> December, at either 2.15pm or 5.30pm. Tickets are not required and we look forward to seeing you there!

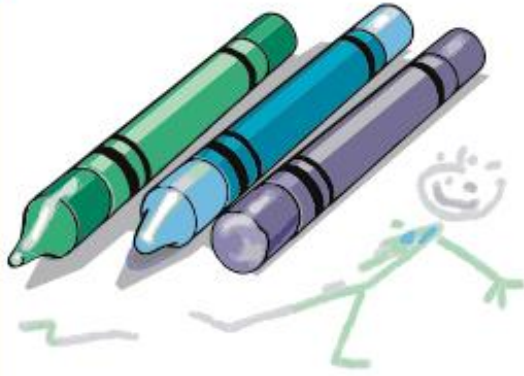
Please note that for the evening performance, children will need to return to school **at 5pm**, so that we can get them changed into their costumes, which will be kept at school after the afternoon performance. After the evening performance, they will be able to leave in their costumes, after collecting the clothes that they have returned to school in. Please consider that the footwear your child comes back to school in will be what they wear for the performance, unless they have footwear in their costume bag.

#### **Dates for your diary:**

- **Monday 8<sup>th</sup> December**- All costumes in for Christmas play, please
- **Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> December** – Christmas Jumper Day
- **Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December** -Christmas fair, after school
- **Monday 15<sup>th</sup> December** – Foundation Christmas Play – 2.15pm & 5.30pm
- **Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December** - End of Term 2

Please do not hesitate to come and see us with any questions or queries.

The Foundation Team



## Draw It!

This game is to help your child learn to follow short instructions that involve the words **first** and **last**.

You will need some paper and colouring pencils. Give your child some instructions to follow using the words **first**, **then** and **last**,

e.g. 'First draw a house and **then** colour it blue.'  
'Now, draw a sun and a moon. Colour the sun in **last**.'

Remember to let your child be teacher and give you instructions to follow. You may need to remind him or her to tell you what to draw and the order to draw them in. Try to encourage your child to tell you both things in one sentence. See if your child can spot your 'mistakes'.

### Variations:

To make this game easier get your child to copy what you have done.

To make this game harder give longer instructions.

