

Foundation Stage Newsletter

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Dear Parents,

We have had a busy week with lots of learning and fun!

In your child's book bag you will now find a letter formation sheet each week for your child to practise writing at home. This will consolidate the handwriting we have been doing in school during the week. Please support your child with holding their pencil correctly and starting the letter in the right place. The first line on the sheet will have dotted letters for children to write over and then the second line is for free practice. This week starts with 'c' from the 'curly caterpillar' letter family. Please refer to the letter families in the plastic wallet with your child each week. There is no need to return this to school each week - thank you in advance for your support with this.

Next week

In Phonics we will be focusing on the letter sounds j,v,w,x. It would be helpful if you could look at these sounds in your child's phonics pack helping them learn the action and recognise the letter. We have started to introduce the 'tricky' words **I**, **to**, **no**, **go**, **the** and **into** in our phonics sessions. These are words the children need to learn to recognise by sight as they do not make sense to 'sound out'. You could support with this by practising reading them from the tricky word book mark in your child's plastic wallet or seeing if you can spot them in books when reading and sharing books together. In Maths we will be introducing the concept of finding a total by adding 2 sets of objects together

and continuing to practise accurate counting and number recognition.

Next week, we will be launching the school's new enquiry-based curriculum in Foundation. Our first enquiry is "How can we help others?" and we are looking forward to welcoming some visitors into school to talk to the children about how they help others. The children will be doing some exciting activities throughout the week leading up to a special challenge next Friday. We will be sending out some more detailed information about this at the beginning of next week so keep an eye out for an email from us! To support at home with our enquiry it would be great if you could talk generally about helping others, looking out for people who help us and practising how to ask for help. We are really looking forward to getting started!

Have a great weekend

The Foundation Stage Team