

# Foundation Stage Newsletter

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Dear Parents,

Another week has gone by in a flash and once again we have been very busy!

The children have been fantastic Athletes outside as part of our enquiry 'How do we look after ourselves?' and we have had some great discussions about healthy living. **Unfortunately, we haven't yet had any offers of help with cooking next Wednesday so we are putting another plea out! If you are able to help on Wednesday morning please do let us know!**

In Phonics, we will be learning the digraphs **ur, ow and oi**. It would be helpful to look up these sounds in your child's phonics pack. We continue to practise CVC words through oral blending (to read) and segmenting (to write). We are also starting to write some simple captions and sentences using CVC and tricky words. It is important that we encourage the children to attempt writing activities now they have learnt many sounds. Adults modelling writing and the children seeing the importance of writing will really help them develop an interest. Telephone messages, writing shopping lists, cards or labelling models they have made might be ways to help interest your child. Enclosed is a handwriting sheet for the ladder letter 'i' which we have been practising in school this week.

In Maths this week, we have introduced the children to 3D shapes. They have been learning the names of the shapes (cube, cuboid, cylinder, sphere, pyramid, cone) as well as introducing vocabulary such as faces and edges.

Next week, the children will be learning about ordinal numbers (1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>) and we will link this to Chinese New Year which is celebrated on February 5<sup>th</sup> this year. We will also be celebrating Chinese New Year through a range of activities within our provision.

Have a lovely weekend  
The Foundation Stage Team