

Foundation

Our Christmas celebrations began on Monday when Foundation attended the whole school Advent Service. We watched as two of our youngest children in the school, James and Darcey, lit the first Advent candle with the help of Mr Helliwell. Rehearsals for our nativity, *Whoops-a-Daisy Angel*, have also been carrying on with gusto – please keep practising any lines at home, encouraging your child to use their big outdoor voices!

We have been working hard in the classrooms as usual. The children have been thinking about what they are good at; it has been lovely to hear them speak with confidence about their own abilities. We have also been thinking about each other's similarities and differences.

The children enjoyed their final balance bike session on Thursday. We have observed many of them riding bikes confidently in the playground and read many parent postcards celebrating children who are now riding without stabilisers!

For homework, please help your child to make some paper chains using the strips of paper provided. This activity can help with patterns and measuring. You could ask your child to estimate the number of links needed to make the chain the same length as a table top or similar and then check by making. Help your child measure the length of their chain using non-standard units (e.g. how many books, shoes, hands, pencils for example are the same length. You might also like to compare lengths of different familiar objects such as shoes, scarves or skipping ropes.

Ask questions such as:

- What will your paper chain be like? How can you make one?
- Which is the longest/shortest paper chain? How do you know?
- How could you make a longer one? How could you make a shorter one?

Today, in your child's reading record book you should find a card word wall and an explanation of how to use it. The idea is that you spend several reading sessions simply reading the words to your child before asking them to read the words to you.

We look forward to seeing you in school next week for our production of '*Whoops-a-Daisy Angel*'. For your information, there will be no Games lesson on Wednesday so Games kits will be sent home on Tuesday and all the children need to come to school wearing school uniform on Wednesday.

Best Wishes,

The Foundation Team