

# Foundation

The week started with real life Superhero Dr Green telling the children all about her job as a GP. She talked about the importance of handwashing and not sharing germs; brilliantly demonstrated with the use of glitter being passed around the class via handshakes. The children have been busy writing 'thank you' letters to our visitors, making junk model emergency vehicles and sending the programmable toy Bluebot to the rescue. Each class also a chance to visit the Life Bus where they learnt about ways to keep their body healthy. The children met a giraffe called Harold who telephoned the children and asked for their advice in order to stay safe.

This week Foxes and Squirrels visited The Wild Place and Mrs Parnell reports:

*Many of the children have been spending their time in the Mud kitchen making lots of mud pies and baking! This provides opportunities for sensory, imaginative, collaborative, and curious play. They have also enjoyed making natural mobiles using twigs, wool and pine cones, as well as other natural objects they found in The Wild Place. Den building has also been a big hit this fortnight! Den building allows children to interact with natural elements, as well as teaching them to manage and work as a team. Free from adult control and constraints, a den is where a child can determine their own rules. It is a safe place, where the child is in charge and not us adults. Having a sense of control and the ability to make decisions on their own helps a child gain confidence and become more independent.*

This week in Maths we have been thinking about conservation of number and number bonds to 10. To support this learning at home, ask your child to show you 5 fingers. Then ask them to make 5 using two hands.

Questions to ask them include:

- How do you know these are the same number?
- What is the same and what is different about these fives?
- Can you show me five fingers a different way? Is there another way?
- What different patterns can you make with five counters?
- Could you record these patterns to show your teacher at school?
- Can you see any numbers hidden inside this pattern of five?

Please remember to send in send in a clean, label free, glass jar (the large 454g size) with a lid, by Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March.

Best Wishes  
The Foundation Team