

Foundation

Our Christmas celebrations began on Monday when Foundation watched the whole school Advent Service via TEAMS. We saw the two youngest children in the school, Célia and Rayan, light the first Advent candle with the help of Mr Helliwell. Over the rest of the week, we have been busy thinking about the Nativity, with children listening to the story, sequencing it and writing about their part in our Christmas production.

In Maths this week we have been learning the days of the week and recognising and naming 2D shapes. For homework, we would like you, with your child, to draw pictures of different things you do during the day such as brush teeth, eat breakfast, have a bath etc. Jumble them up and then put them back in order. Ask them questions like:

- Which activity do we do first/last/before..../after.... etc
- Is it correct that we eat breakfast and then have a bedtime story? Why not?
- What would you like to do during your day? What would your favourite day look like?

You may also like to practise chanting or singing the days of the week to help your child memorise them. You can find various songs on the internet. You may also like to ask the following questions:

- Which day comes after today? Will it be yesterday or tomorrow?
- Which day comes before/after Tuesday?
- Can you put the days of the week in order? Can you put them in order starting at Thursday?
- Term ends in a week. When will that be?

You may like to share your child's learning via Tapestry.

The last week of term is another busy one. We will not be learning any new sounds in this week. Here is a quick summary of our week:

- Monday will be a 'normal' day. Please send your child in their Games kit as usual.
- Tuesday is our party day. There will be no PE lesson; party clothes can be worn, with sensible footwear, instead of school uniform on that day. We will also be having our delicious Christmas lunch. Please bring a gift for someone else to enjoy if you are able. Gifts will be given to the Salvation Army for their Christmas Appeal.
- Wednesday is another 'normal' day.
- Thursday: We will be sending home a 'Christmas Scrapbook' for the children to use to record their holiday activities. You may like to include photographs, drawings or writing and these will be shared in class during the first few days of the new term. You will also receive 3 reading books for your child to complete over the holidays.

- Friday: The Pre Prep Christmas Service is taking place on Friday morning where the Foundation children will be watching our Pre Prep Christingle service. Please contribute to the work of the Children's Society at this link <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/st-faiths-school> in lieu of the retiring collection that would have been made had we been able to invite parents in to school.
Children leaving at the end of the day as normal.

Best Wishes

The Foundation Team