

Foundation

This week the children have started to learn to read and write. All the children have shown the learning habit of 'ambition' as they tried hard to recall the letter sounds and to practise letter formation with 'lead in' and 'lead out' lines. We hope that your child has enjoyed practising this skill using their phonic booklet. Please use the pencil provided in the bookbags for homework. The pencil can be left at home. Don't worry if your child is finding the formation hard – we will keep practising and at this stage the most important thing is learning the sounds. Keep persevering! Please return the booklet to school every day, even if the homework is unfinished. The children learn 4 new sounds a week with Friday being used to consolidate the week's learning – there will be no new letter to complete at the weekend. Use the flashcards in the book to keep reinforcing the sounds and the actions. You will also notice on Monday (4th), for those children who are ready, we have sent home some words to practise the skill of blending (combining sounds to make a word). More 'Blending words' will then be sent home on subsequent Mondays.

In addition this week, we have also been thinking about how we change as we grow older by talking about our baby photos. The children enjoyed manipulating clay to make a face. We have also retold the story of the Enormous Turnip. Wednesday was World Heart Day and we enjoyed a visit from a Chartwells nutritionist who talked about the importance of healthy eating to look after our hearts!

This week in Maths we have been thinking about how we might group objects based on their colour, shape, features etc. We have been able to say what is the same about our groups and have started to think what is not the same. For homework this week, help your child sort the monsters into groups. You might like to ask your child(ren) the following questions:

- How can you sort the objects?
- Are there any different ways they could be sorted?
- How have you grouped the objects?
- How do you think these objects have been grouped?
- Can there be more than 2 groups?

Share your sorting with us via Tapestry.

Next week, we will be thinking about how to stay healthy. Our word of the week will be 'health'. October is also Black History Month so we will be looking at portraits by significant black artists, thinking about important BAME figures from history such as Martin Luther King, enjoying Caribbean poetry and listening to music from Africa. It is also National Poetry Day on the 7th October. We would love your child to learn a short poem or nursery rhyme to share with their class.

Best Wishes
The Foundation Team