

## Foundation

As our second term draws to a close, we have said a fond farewell to Rino in FVH, who is moving back to Japan. We wish her and her family safe travels as they embark on their next adventure.

We have been so impressed this week by the children's developing reading skills – looking back at their achievements this term reminds us how quickly skills build in this Foundation year. The children have also enjoyed looking back in their topic books at the progress in their writing and drawing, a great visual demonstration of the importance of our learning habits, such as ambition, independence, reflection and resilience.

The children have all brought 3 reading books home for the holidays, 1 they have shared with an adult in class and 2 unseen. We would also like the children to keep practising their level 2 and 3 phonemes and tricky words. For some ideas you may like to look at <https://fiveminutemum.com/games-and-activities/play/schoolkids>. There are also some tricky words games on <https://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/>.

We would also like your child to upload at least 2 photos or pictures of their adventures during the break onto Seesaw. One of these can be accompanied by a verbal explanation (practising the prime area, Communication and Language) and one to have a short, handwritten sentence (practising the specific area, Literacy). These voice messages and/or sentences should, of course, be your child's work!

Our Maths this week has looked at making doubles, explore odd and even numbers, recognising and naming 3D shapes and building and continuing complex patterns.

Ways to support this learning over the Easter break include:

- Playing board games such as snakes and ladders to practise reading numbers and counting on.
- Playing Maths games on BusyThings.
- Sharing Easter eggs, sweets, objects etc.
- Writing the numbers from 0 – 10.
- Encouraging your child to put an object in different places and then tell you where it is with the use of positional language, such as; next to, in front of, beside, under, on top, behind.
- Cooking - weighing and following instructions.
- Spotting maths in the 'real' world as you enjoy your holiday adventures – numbers, shapes, patterns.

Our homework pattern next term will be:

Monday	Reading book
Tuesday	Handwriting practise
Wednesday	Reading book
Thursday	Handwriting practise
Friday	Reading book Maths via newsletter

Our topic next term will be 'Curious Creatures' and an overview will be available for you to view on My School Portal.

Just a reminder that when term resumes on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> April, children should be wearing their summer uniform. Children will still need their wellies and waterproof trousers in school, as well as spare clothes in school colours in case of emergencies.

We wish you all a very happy, relaxing break.

The Foundation team