

FOUNDATION 2 NEWSLETTER 1

Dear Parents/Carers,

In Foundation 2 you will receive newsletters to inform you of the topics we are covering and what the children are learning about in school. Over the autumn term we will be focusing on settling into 'Big School'. We will be:

- Establishing key worker relationships with the children.
- Finding our way around the Foundation Unit and parts of school, and meeting the people who help us.
- Sharing fiction and non-fiction books about starting school, autumn and Christmas.
- Learning songs about ourselves and body parts e.g. 'Heads and Shoulders', 'Hokey Cokey', as well as a range of traditional rhymes and songs.

In Literacy we will be:

- Using Phase 1 and some Phase 2 games from www.letters-and-sounds.com website to help us listen to sounds and identify initial sounds in words
- Practising writing our first name with the correct formation and orientation.
- Starting to learn about letters and their sounds (using the Read Write Inc programme)
- Introducing Julia Donaldson as an author study and to support our work on rhyme.
- Understanding key concepts about print; such as naming the different parts of a book and knowing that print has different purposes.

In Mathematics we will be:

- Counting to and beyond 10
- Focusing on recognising numbers to 10 (and beyond where appropriate)
- Counting groups of objects and matching it to the correct number.
- Developing fast recognition of objects without having to count them individually (up to 6)
- Identifying and exploring patterns.
- Identifying, exploring and sorting 2D and 3D shapes; including informal and mathematical language.
- Learning the order of the days of the week.
- Comparing and ordering objects by their size, height or length.

Thank you for all your help and support.

Mrs Caldicott, Mrs Davies, Miss Evans & Mrs Lewis