

## Foundation Home Learning

Foundation Coffee Morning - Tuesday's in the café 8.40-9.30am - all welcome!

3<sup>rd</sup> - 7<sup>th</sup> June 2019

Welcome everyone to the final term of the school year and the children's last term in the Foundation Stage before transitioning to Year 1. Although this term may seem quite long, it really will fly by and we all hope to have as much fun and enjoyment with the children as we can, it certainly will be jam packed so we will do our best to keep you updated with all events in advance.

This week has seen our timetable and daily structure subtly increase to continue to prepare the children for their new challenges in Year One. This has happened every term as the children continue to build resilience, independence and application of our Golden Learning Behaviours into their love of learning. The children throughout the week have both whole class and small group teacher-led Phonics sessions, covering Phases 2-5. Can you ask your child what they have learnt in their Phonics sessions this week? Please do record daily in your child's reading record as it is wonderful to see how they are applying their skills and understanding but most importantly, love of reading!

In Literacy this week we have focused on Giles Andreae's 'Mad About Dinosaurs'. Each Class has created a class book with a page written by each child. They have written facts about dinosaurs, descriptions and even made up new dinosaurs names! We discussed what makes an exciting front cover and each class designed their own too! The children are achieving so much every day and we know that they love to share this at home with you too. We are focussing on letter formation and the importance of handwriting so please continue to reinforce this with your child at home too. If you need any advice on pencil grip, letter formation etc please do not hesitate to speak to a member of the team.

In Maths this week we have had great fun learning about capacity! The children have had a wonderful time exploring with different sized containers, filling them with liquid and even dinosaur food thanks to Mrs Greens Dinosaur Zoo. I am quite sure that whilst discovering full, half full and empty that most of the water ended up on the children! Can you find any empty containers at home and explore this with your child? Bath times, trips to the beach or swimming pool are brilliant for this - please share any photos and videos on Tapestry.

Home Learning: This week we have been authors. Can you and your child think of a book that you would like to make? Can you design and decorate a front cover? It doesn't have to be long at all and can be fiction or non-fiction, include a simple story or facts about anything that your child is interested in. The children can display their books in our class library and also read and share their books with other staff and year groups - how exciting!

Mrs Green's Dinosaur Zoo

Dates for this term:

Wednesday 12th June: Class Photos

Monday 1st July: Foundation and KS1 Sports Day 9-12

Wednesday 10th July: Foundation Parent's Evening

Thursday 11th July: Foundation Parent's Evening

Thursday 18th July: Trip to Dartmoor Zoo - letter will be sent out soon

Wednesday 24th July: Last day of term

Request please: Does anyone have a spare shed that they would like to donate to the school? Please see Miss Tickle