



# Foundation Home Learning

9<sup>th</sup> - 13<sup>th</sup> September

WOW - What a week! The team could not be more proud of the children as they have settled so brilliantly into their first week at school. It has been lovely to see so many happy faces and hear their laughter, watch friendships grow and develop and see the excitement on their faces as they begin to explore their new school. Our aim is always to ensure that in their first few weeks they become happy in their new environment, feel safe and build relationships with us which will continue to grow into feeling a valued part of our Montpelier family - it is a very special place to be (we hope you all feel that too!).

This week we have started our topic 'All About Me and My School'. We have focused on exploring their classroom environment and the unit as a whole - including our outdoor area. Thank you so much to those who have brought wellies in for their child/children - we are just waiting on a couple of pairs to come and then that will enable all children to explore in the mud and also out into our forest area - we appreciate the expense that their new uniform and shoes cost (and didn't they all look so smart!) so we want to preserve them as long as possible! Alongside exploring we have had daily group times about our routines and school rules. The children have been learning to find their coat peg and tray, where to keep their water bottles, hang their jumpers and find the toilets - they really have learnt so quickly - what superstars! Please can I politely remind you all that it is just water that children should have in their bottles, as was explained by staff on the home visits. We are encouraging children to now carry their water bottles in their hands rather than book bags as we have had a few leaks this week - when they have reading books, library books and reading records unfortunately these can get ruined by water bottles so it would be brilliant if they could get into the habit now.



This week we have taught the children our new school rules of kind hands, feet and words, looking and listening and looking after our school. We have explained our light change system (more information can be found in our school behaviour policy on the website and will be explained in more depth at the meet the teacher evening) which is a very good job because the children have had to teach their new class puppets how we are kind to each other in school - some needed more help than others (Marty!!)

Marty

Marvin

Zap

Class M

Class P

Class S

## Home Learning:

- This week can you and your child make your own sock puppet and give it a name? Can your child bring their puppet into school and tell their friends all about them - what do they like to do? Ask your child if they can teach their puppet our new school rules. Have fun! There is no rush for home learning - it can be done at any point - not just for Monday!**

**Foundation Coffee Shop:** next week Monday and Tuesday 8.50-9.20 and 1-1.30