

FOUNDATION 1—NEWSLETTER



FOUNDATION 1 INFORMATION

Welcome to the new children and new parents that have started this term! It is lovely to see our established children being so friendly, showing new children our routines and helping their new friends to settle in. Our 30 hours provision is also up and running now and is working very well, this is called our 'Hedgehog Group'. Please look in the Ladybirds window or the main doors into the unit for all the up to date information you need to know. The latest letter you may have missed is displayed there as well as our phoneme, number and book of the week.

Learning Labs

This year our projects are linked to our book of the week. This term our main books are 'Rosie's walk' and 'The very Hungry Caterpillar'. So the focus will be on farms, animals and minibeasts. Children are encouraged to practise mark making using pencils, pens, chalks, paint and glitter. We are celebrating achievements by having a Star Of The Week for each group. We are also celebrating children who get onto our 'rainbow' each day for being amazing i.e. being a kind friend, working hard in group sessions, great tidying up, great listening.

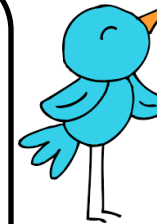


PE

Our PE lessons will be on a Monday. This term we are going to begin some work around a character called 'Tatty Bumpkin' who goes on lots of movement adventures! We ask our children to take shoes/ socks off for P.E. but no P.E. kit is required. **Children are not allowed to wear earrings.**

MATHS

In Maths we will be concentrating on numbers up to 10. We count to 10 in different ways, we learn the matching numerals and solve problems with numbers to 10. We will have a focus number of the week. We will also be learning about shapes and measuring. We will be learning a new number rhyme each week which you will get a copy of so you can practise at home. Children really enjoy working in the Maths lab which has lots of fun activities.



LOST PROPERTY

We do encourage the children to look after their things and put them in the correct place, but sometimes items do get lost! Could you please ensure names are on their items as this really helps!!

Diary Dates



- **Wednesday 14th February** - Non-Uniform Day 'Wear something red'. (Donations for The British Heart Foundation)
- **Friday 16th February**—Break up for half term
- **Monday 26th February**—INSET Day
- **5th & 7th March**—Parents Evening
- **Thursday 29th March**—Break up for Easter

LITERACY

A particular focus this term is on speaking. We engage children in lots of activities which are to develop confident speaking and speaking in more complex sentences. We are encouraging the children to recognise the initial letter of their name or their whole name if they are ready. We are also providing lots of opportunities to practise writing their name as well as the number and phoneme of the week. Our Library day is Friday and children will bring home new books when they have returned their last book.