

Foundation Stage 2 Newsletter Issue 15

We hope you all enjoyed the Jubilee weekend. What a fabulous opportunity it was to spend time with family and friends and of course, eat lots of cake!! We know the children were really looking forward to all the celebrations.



This week, our Play Project focussed on the question **What is change?** The children were able to share lots of examples of changes they have experienced such as moving house, having a new baby sister or brother, new bedroom decorations and even new haircuts! The question also allowed us to begin preparing them for their transition into Year One. Using the story '**The Cautious Caterpillar**' as a springboard, we encouraged them all to think and talk about their feelings towards changing year group or teacher, as well ways they could overcome their fears and anxieties. Some of the children chose to write postcards to a child currently in Year One asking them a question about what it is like and how it differs to Foundation Stage. Sam the sloth is also going 'on holiday' to Year One and will come back in the next few weeks, armed with photos and exciting tales to tell! We have no doubt that the children will all settle in beautifully but of course we will continue to support them in the coming weeks and days.



Phonics

During our phonic sessions this week, we have introduced the children to the sounds **ue as in rescue** and **ue as in glue**. This term, our aim is to ensure that the children are as confident as possible with the sounds already introduced so you will find there will be plenty of recapping and consolidation work during our phonics sessions. Support at home with this would be a huge help. Please rehearse phonic sounds and read with and to your child whenever you possibly can. Thank you – we are so grateful for your support.

Maths

In Maths, the children have been identifying missing numbers in a sequence up to ten as well as calculating simple take away facts. During the final part of the week, we have focussed on identifying 2 dimensional shapes, using these to create patterns and large irregular shapes.



Drawing Club

In Drawing Club this week, we have read the story '**Ruby's Worry**' by Tom Percival. The children thought about the signs Ruby gave that showed she was worried, such as holding her tummy or being quieter than normal. We all thought of other actions or habits that might show we too are feeling anxious and linked them to the fabulous vocabulary that is used throughout the story to describe Ruby's emotions. Finally, the children were given lots of opportunities to construct and write sentences about both their own and Ruby's feelings. Any support you can give your child at home with writing would be hugely appreciated in preparation for moving to Year One. Remember to keep this to the level of your child's development and confidence. It could be simply practising their name, writing simple phrases or even sentences punctuated with capital letters and full stops.

Just a few dates for your diaries...

20th June- Eye Tests will be conducted in school for the Foundation Stage 2 children

27th June- Height, weight and hearing checks

4th July (Morning) – **Sports Day**. Parents are welcome to watch. More details will follow in a whole school letter.

As always, if you have any questions or queries, please do not hesitate to come and talk to us at the beginning or end of the day.

With warmest Wishes

The Foundation Stage 2 Team