

# Foundation News

## Reading and Writing:

This term the Foundation team have been focussing on letter names and sounds which you will find in your child's Alphabet folder in their reader bag. It would be great if over dinner or while chatting with your child that you have a discussion about letters and sounds, and ask them to give you some examples! E.g.

*What words do you know that start with the sound B?*

Children have been enjoying a more structured morning in Literacy with independent reading and shared reading. This can come in many forms as looking at pictures is reading and also sounding out the new sounds as we learn them. We ask the students questions like: What do you see happening in the picture? Using the different strategies learnt each week students are building on their knowledge of reading and being able to write the sounds that they hear in words in their writing sessions.

Continue to assist your child with writing their name ensuring that they understand a capital is at the start and the remainder of their name is lower case.

Also, continue to help your child practise their heart words on their reader bag and recognise these words when found in their readers. 😊

## Mathematics:

Children will continue to explore maths using various materials (unifix, playdough, counters etc.) and hands on activities. Students

will to continue consolidate their understanding of patterns, sequencing and sorting, describing and naming familiar 2D and some 3D shapes. 😊

### **Integrated:**

This term our topic has been **Me, My Family and My School - Who am I?**

We have been looking at what our days consist of and following structures and routines. Your children have set their own classroom rules based around care for others, safety, listening and respecting our schools values. We have been concentrating on making friends but also how we maintain those friendships.

Children have settled well in their classrooms now and are feeling secure and happy with their teachers and peers.

We are looking to forward introducing our Toy Unit beginning next term

### **Reminders:**

Class doors will open when the music starts due to morning meetings.

Foundation teachers have had their planning day on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> March with the students enjoying their day with the Specialist Teachers in a variety of activities. Relief teachers were in classrooms also for this day.

The last week of term has arrived and we will be enjoying some fun Easter activities with your children. Enjoy the holidays and have a great rest! We look forward to seeing you in Term 2!