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Dear Foundation Parents/Carers

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Weekly Newsletter

We have had a wonderful week in Julia Donaldson class, the children really enjoyed seeing what the pirates have been doing to the classroom while the children have been away. The children have also enjoyed learning about what pirates like to do on their travels, and have been able to think of different hiding places to hide the treasure.

In the outside area this week the children have been creating their own pirate ship out of the house, by creating a Jolly Roger Flag to go at the front of the ship. The children have also been making their own planks for their friends to walk across.

In the inside area, the children have been making several types of food for the pirates to eat when the children are not in the classroom. The children have also been looking to complete challenges that the pirates have left around the room for the children, and to see if there are any clues to what the pirates want.

During number time we have been looking at length and height. We have planted our beans to watch them grow and see how tall the beans grow. We have also been sent challenges from Captain Jack Sparrow, we have been finding the longest and shortest plank. We have been creating our own jewellery for the pirates to see how long or short they are. We have noticed that Miss McEvansoneya's bean grew into a giant beanstalk where some of the pirates went up and saw the giant.

In Literacy we have been looking at Class Three at Sea Story and reading the adventures that these school children have been getting up to, and what the pirates in the story have been doing. We were also left messages from the pirates to complete some challenges. We have been using our best handwriting to explain what we would look like if we were a pirate. We have also been writing about what the pirates looked like on their Wanted Posters. We have been collected special tickets to see who gets to find the next clue or present that the pirates have left us. We got to go on a Treasure Map Hunt all the way to the library where we found our prize, special pencils for us to use.

In phonics we have been doing really well in our new groups, the children are now focussing mostly on their ditties and also recognising their tricky words which they have been using in their writing in their choosing and literacy time. We have seen development when saying their sounds and also when writing their letters. The children have been doing really well in progressing in their phonics groups.

Thank you to all parents and families that attended our first RWI talk yesterday, it was wonderful to see so many of you there and we hope you found it useful. Please message us on class dojo if you have any questions!

Dates for the diary:

- Monday 28th January- Foundation Parents Coffee Morning. 8:30 am onwards at the 'Good Coffee Headquarters' on Ebrington Street.
- Friday 8th February- School disco 4:30-5:30 for the Foundation children and Key Stage 1.

We hope you all have an amazing weekend.

Miss Emmett, Miss McEvansoneya and the Foundation Team