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Dear Foundation Parents/Carers

14th February 2019

**Weekly Newsletter**

We have had a wonderful week in Julia Donaldson class, the children really enjoyed. The children have also really enjoyed

In the outside area this week the children have been creating police stations, building traps to catch the pirates and using the music station to create some lovely pieces. We have been lucky this week with some sunshine and the children have just loved being outdoors.

In the inside area, the children have been looking at becoming Policemen and Policewomen with making their own badges and engaging with children who were taking on the role as pirates. Some children have also been thinking about being a teacher and what teachers do every day. The children have also been increasing their practice with their tricky words within their morning work, and some have been creating their own stories. The children's imagination with the pirates have continued to grow and the children are still enjoying looking for clues from the pirates. We have had some children who have performed the story Handa's Surprise for the rest of the class with great enthusiasm.

During number time we have been looking at more mental maths and number problems. We have been looking at part, part whole in solving our number problems with using number blocks, and have been enjoying 10 Little Pirates to help us solve our number problems. We have also enjoyed looking at objects to see if they are whole or not and have begun to question our answers further. We have also been creating our own number problems for us to solve and also engage in remembering our doubles in our number time.

In Literacy we have been looking at habitats for animals. The children have been talking about what animals need and have been creating their own animal habitats and labelling them to ensure the animal is safe and has everything it needs to survive.

In phonics we have been doing really well in our new groups, the children are now focussing on reading small ditty stories, Fred talking and blending words and writing captions.

We have sent home a book review for you to complete over the half term holiday. It would be wonderful if you could do this with your child about a book that you enjoy as a family this can then be shared in class.

On behalf of Miss McEvansoneya and Miss Emmett thank you Julia Donaldson class for allowing us to be a part of your class, we have both enjoyed watching all of the children progress within their learning, and have enjoyed seeing how much all of of you have improved in all of your areas of learning. We will miss being a part of your class and hope that you continue to enjoy your year in Julia Donaldson.

**Dates for the diary:**

- First day back after the half term holiday - 25th February
- World Book Day 7th March - Your child are invited to come dressed as their favourite character from a book to school
- Over the half term holiday 'Hobbycraft' has many workshops for children to attend! Please go on their website to find out more and enjoy!

Thank you to Miss Emmett and Miss McEvansoneya for their hard work over the past few months, we wish you all the best for your new teaching placement. You will be missed! Miss Palarm and Mrs Shaw.

We hope you all have a lovely and restful half term holiday and stay safe, God bless.

Miss McEvansoneya, Miss Emmett and the Foundation Team