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Dear F2 Parents and Carers

What a busy two weeks we have had!

**Baseline Testing:**

This week I'll be doing the Government baseline tests with your children. It won't be a big deal for them, they're already used to coming and working with me one on one each day. If you would like to know more about the baseline please follow the link below.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/reception-baseline-assessment-information-for-parents>

**Reading Records-** please write any books you read with or to your child in the reading record.

**Library Books** – Will be sent home on a Monday. Please return on Friday so we can sign them back in.

**Over the next two weeks, we will be:**

- learning the phonemes M, A, S, D, T, I, N, P. We will learn their names, how to say their sounds and how to recognise the letters. We'll also start learning to write them correctly.
- In RE we are looking at people who are special to us.
- looking at the numbers 1 - 6, trying to get a sense of what they look like and feel like.
- Learning about the human body. (With a special visit from the dentist next week)
- enjoying mystery books from the treasure chest!
- doing plenty of fine motor and gross motor skills, strengthening our hands and arms to help us write in time. Working on our pencil grip for both pencils and paintbrushes.

**How can you help your child at home?**

- Use the Phonics book to practise this week's phonemes – M, A, S, D, T, I, N P. It would be great if you could do five minutes a day to get your children REALLY secure on these phonemes.
- Read story books to your child each night. If you need some new books, let me know. I have plenty.
- Get your child counting things out all the time, particularly to 6. Do they always count accurately? Encourage them to move an item as they count it so they don't double-count.
- Could you make a family tree? Bring it in to school to help the children explain people who are special to them?

**Show and tell timetable:** We encourage show and tell at the beginning of the year to give children to answer questions. Can any show and tell items be meaningful to the child (i.e. no McDonald's toys), let it be something they can talk about, e.g. shells from the beach or a picture we could show on the screen.

Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> September	Florence Oscar Max Isla
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> October	Hunter Shaun Leo
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> October	Marnie



	Benicio Harvey
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> October	Scott Elodie Teddy

Here are some amazing fine motor activities you can do at home – These really help with strengthening the muscles in the hands which helps with our pencil grip!

Use tweezers or tongs to pick up peas or pom-poms. How many can I pick up?

Use scissors to cut out pictures from a magazine or pictures that I have drawn.

Use playdough to make an animal. How many different animals can I make?

Learn a finger rhyme. Can I do Incy Wincy Spider or The Finger Family Song?

Practise tying knots in a lace or piece of string. How many knots can I tie?

Use building bricks to create a building. Can I build a house, a shop or my nursery?

Complete a jigsaw. Can I do it on my own?

Make my own threading card by drawing a picture on cardboard, cutting it out and punching holes around the edges with a hole punch. Practise threading using a lace.

Can I create a rainbow using finger painting? What other pictures can I create?



**Our Special treat!!** - As part of our class reward system we earn “Stars in the Jar”. When we reach our target number we will do a special activity.

For our **NEXT** special treat we will be making Fruit Kebabs!

Have a wonderful weekend!  
Mrs Hickling and Mrs Kumar

