

learning and believing, growing and achieving

St. Nicholas CE First School Belvide Gardens Codsall Wolverhampton WV8 1AN

Dear Parents,

I hope that you have had a good week. This week we have begun our topic of Bees! This is a wonderful topic which allows the children to explore the outdoors and the importance of nature. The children in school have drawn some wonderful pictures of Norman the Bumblebear. I would love to see some Bumblebear pictures from the children at home too!



In phonics this week we would be focusing on the letter 'f'. We would be learning the letter name and the pure sound. We would continue to embed our ability to hear initial sounds by finding the objects that begin with the 'f' sound e.g. fish, foot, fan, food, fire. We would also continue to orally blend and segment CVC words containing 'f' and maybe even try reading and writing/building CVC words e.g. fan, fun, fit, fed etc. You may want to use this episode of Alphablocks:

https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/watch/alphablocks-fred. The jolly phonics song can be found here: https://ceehonduras.org/files/17JollyPhonicsF 39.m4a.



Loop down the stem and over the leaves.

Some key skills that you can be working on at home to get your child Reception ready include:

- **Recognising their name.**
- Writing their name.
- Getting dressed independently, or with little support.
- Concentrating on activities for short periods.
- ❖ Building social skills e.g. sharing, turn taking etc.
- Self-care regarding toileting.
- Talking about and exploring stories.
- ❖ Increasing independence regarding eating e.g. using a knife and fork, opening wrappers etc.

Please visit the school closure site to access further resources to support this newsletter. https://stnicholas-closure.weebly.com/nursery.html.

Have a good week and take care.

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The greatest gifts you can give your children are the roots of responsibility and the wings of independence.

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