

Dear Parents,

We have been particularly impressed with the way the new "Foundlings" have started the year. They have settled beautifully into the new routines and have been really engaged in the specialist subjects Science, Art, Music and Phys. Ed.



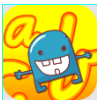




Thank you for allowing the children to line up by themselves in the morning. We are really enjoying seeing their happy and eager faces!

Below is a brief outline of what the children are learning in the first month at school.

Marcela, Bonita and Marion

<u>Letters/sounds</u>	<u>Reading</u>
<p>In Literacy, we are encouraging the children to understand that all letters have a name and a sound. The order that we are introducing the letters is Ss, Ll, Mm, Ff, Already we have noticed the excitement as the children discover many words that start with "s"! To help consolidate this sound knowledge, we are concurrently introducing a form of sign language that is recognised as particularly useful for children learning phonetic sounds. This is called Cued Articulation. Don't be surprised when your child tells you the sound "s" is a long wiggly line coming from their mouth!</p> <p>Of course we will be encouraging correct formation of letters as well as pencil grip, when the children write these letters.</p>	<p>We are building a small, but ever-growing list of words that the children can identify. We will be sending home, once a week school-made books that we have worked on in class. During our reading lessons we look at High Frequency Words, comprehension, spacing between words, letter formation, simple punctuation and much more.</p> <p>High Frequency words we are introducing over the next few weeks are...</p> <p>I, go, to, school, like, look, my, mum, fun, family, friends,</p>
	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Maths - Number</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Numbers - before and after, more than, less than • Graphing activities • Mapping • Counting activities (forwards and backwards) • Ordinal number (i.e. first, second - tenth)

To back up all our learning, we are requesting that you please download the following iPad apps. If the cost of downloading them all is prohibitive, the essential apps are highlighted in red. Thank you.

 <p>ABC Magic Phonics 5 (Free)</p>	 <p>Moose Maths - by Duck Duck Moose (\$1.99)</p>
 <p>Australian Touch and Write Victorian cursive script (\$3.79)</p>	 <p>I like Books - 37 picture books (Grasshopper) (\$2.49)</p>
 <p>Write for school (Little Caradams) (\$7.49)</p>	 <p>Letter Muncher (\$2.49)</p>
 <p>Starfall ABC's (Free)</p>	 <p>Sentence maker (\$0.99c)</p>
 <p>Sight words by Photo touch (Free)</p>	 <p>Eggy 1-10 Blake eLearning (\$2.49)</p>

