Next week we are learning …..

- About how we are all different.
- We are talking about our ourselves and our families, making observations and painting and drawing self-portraits.
- In maths we will be subitising small amounts.
- In phonics we are listening for initial sounds in words and practising our segmenting and blending skills.
- We will also be discussing how we can be a good friend.

Ways you can help at home / Information

- Talk to your child about the things they like / dislike and things they are good at. Do they think everyone is good at the same things? Compare your finger print with a family member or friend. What do you notice?
- Look in a mirror with your child and help them identify the different features on their faces. Encourage them to use descriptive sentences, e.g "I have sparkly green eyes." "I have soft eyebrows."
- Find a family photo and talk about the different members of your family. Can the children identify any similarities and differences between your family members? You may wish to send in a family photo, or post one on Tapestry, that your child can share with the class.
- Many of the children are still finding it hard to put on and take off their jumpers and coats. Please can we ask that parents practise this at home.
- We have now received all Tapestry forms. This weekend we will add parents to Tapestry and then send out activation emails early next week. Once you have activated your accounts you should be able to see observations. Please speak to a member of staff if you have not received an activation email by the end of the week, it may be that we have misspelled your email address.
- Can you practise your subitising skills? Subitising is the ability to recognise the number of objects or images **without** counting them. You could play a board game using a dotty dice and encourage your child to subitise the dots. Alternatively, you could show your child an amount from 1-3 or 1-5 on your fingers or place 1-5 objects in front of them and see if they can subitise the amount. (We use the phrase "Don't count, see the amount!")
- We had a super first PE session last Tuesday! Please remember to send your child in wearing PE kit on PE day (Tues).
- We will be taking part in our first Forest School session this Wednesday, in the afternoon. Please can we remind you to send your child to school wearing their school uniform. You may provide alternative clothes and / or a puddle suit if you wish, but children may also attend forest school in school uniform. The children will also wear the wellies that they have at school. If you have not yet provided your child with a pair of wellies to stay at school, please can you send some in next week. If you have any questions, please speak to a member of the EY Team. Please can you remind your child if they have a puddle suit in their locker. The first few sessions can be tricky with changing clothes as many children are unaware they have alternative clothes to wear.
- A massive THANK YOU to 2 parents who have sent in bags of craft resources this week. We do not ask parents to supply any school resources, but are so grateful if anyone feels they could like to contribute. School finances are limited and these surprise donations really benefit the children and reinforce that Fordham is such a lovely primary school!!!

Dates for your diaries –

- Thurs 1st October – Harvest Festival at the church. Arrangements will be in the whole school newsletter. EY will be attending at 9.30am. Parents are welcome to attend, however children will remain at school after the church service. We will prepare the children for this.
- Thurs 15th October – PTFA EY / KS 1 disco 3.30 - 4.15 (children will be escorted to disco by EY staff and picked up from EY playground as usual.) More details to follow.

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