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Week 5,

This week took us past the half way mark in this half term which, although is very long, seems to be flying by... We had our third Ocean Maths sessions this week with Year 4 inviting parents in to watch their children in a maths activity. The Year 4 children showed their number rounding skills and many of them beat their parents at the game! Next week we have **Turing's Ocean Maths** session on **Tuesday 8th October** and **Garrett-Anderson's** on **Thursday 10th October** – both at **9.10am**.

We also had our individual and sibling photos this morning; all children were looking smart and many of them were practising their smiles on the way into school (encouraged by their parents)... You will be informed in due course when the photos will be available on the Photography Company's website.

FOCS had their first 'Month of Fridays' sale today in the playground. They were selling sweets / lollies under the shelter by the Chill Out; watch out for further sales, continuing next **Friday, 11th October**, with their 'Toy and Book Bonanza'!

We also had another of our Parent Tours this week, showing prospective Nursery and Reception parents the school building and letting them know the application process for applying for a place at Chase Side. We have got more tour dates coming up, so if you know of any parents looking for a school place in September 2025, direct them to our website for further information.

On your marks, get set... READ! We are holding a reading competition from now **until the 21st October** to try and get our children reading at home and enjoying the books that they are taking home. All you have to do is basically, read as much as you can! The children with the most entries in their reading records, signed by a parent / carer, will have a chance of winning a £5 voucher for the Scholastic Book Fair which will be in school when we have our Parent Consultation Evenings. There will be one winner from years 1 / 2, one from years 3 / 4 and one from years 5 / 6. Get reading!!!

A few important announcements / dates upcoming in the next few weeks:

- We are still collecting items for Harvest, until the 18th October, that we will be sending to the local Food Bank over Half Term. Please see our website for 'urgently needed items' we are collecting.
- Parent Consultations for the Autumn Term are on Wednesday 23rd and Thursday 24th October. Please look out for a link that will be sent so you can schedule an appointment.
- Over the weeks of 14th – 25th October, we will be celebrating Black history Month; the children will be learning about the lives of prominent historical figures from the black community and their contribution to world history.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend – let's hope that the sun keeps shining like it has today before the cold Autumn months arrive! On that cheery note, see you all bright and early on Monday morning!

Stronger Together,

Mr Hitchens