

# Foundation weekly newsletter 09/02/17

We have had another fantastic but busy week. The children continue to impress us every day and are all working so hard. This week in literacy we have continued to look at different purposes for writing. The children have been looking at what a caption is and the main features of a sentence. We have been working on the children's fine motor skills please see our website for more information about how you can help at home. In maths this week, we have been ordering numbers to 20 and concentrating on number formation. Some of us have been looking at number bonds to 10. In phonics, we have been continuing to learn our new letter sounds and will be moving into new groups next term. We will be giving you your child's individual targets at parents evening in March. Please remember to check our website for photos and videos of the children's fantastic learning and for information about our Wonders of the Week. Next half term our story will be Little Red Riding Hood and our role play area will be transformed into Grandma's Cottage. We will continue to look at traditional tales and explore alternative endings for each story.

## Ways you can help your child at home:

- Continue to read at home with your child every night and record this in their reading record so that they can move up the 'Reading Rocket'.
- Continue to use your child's sound flashcards and help your child learn their tricky words.
- Play games at home that involve turn taking and sharing.

## Announcements:

- As always a huge thank you to all of our parent helpers this term, we absolutely love having you in class. If any other parents would like to help out in class, next half term, please let us know and we can plan activities in.
- We have a new email address for home learning or any pictures/videos that you wish to share. The email address is [foundation@holycross.plymouth.sch.uk](mailto:foundation@holycross.plymouth.sch.uk). Of course, we are also available on our personal email accounts, which can be found on the website if you wish to email us directly.
- We have attached a new sound sheet and tricky word mat. New resources will be sent out after half term and please check our website for resources and information to help at home.

## Some dates for the diary:

- Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February: non-pupil day
- Parents evening will be on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> March and Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> March. Please book an appointment online or come and see us if you're having trouble with this. We will both be at each meeting and will be discussing your child's progress and next steps.

We hope you have a wonderful half term break and look forward to seeing you on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February!

From the Foundation team ☺