

# Foundation weekly newsletter 27/01/17

We have had another busy but fantastic week in class. The children have been innovating our story of the term which is 'The Three Little Pigs' by changing the characters and retelling their story in small groups to the rest of the class. The children have loved working in small groups and have demonstrated fantastic communication and negotiation skills throughout the week. We have lots of photos of the children doing this on our website and some videos too! In maths this week, we have been looking at capacity and weight. We have been filling and emptying containers in our mud kitchen and the children have been reading scales to create potions. In phonics, the children have been continuing to work hard to learn their new letter sounds and next week we will be assessing the children and looking at their new targets. In literacy next week we will be looking at different types of writing - lists, labels, menus and instructional writing. In maths we will be looking at one more and one less than numbers to 20 and beyond. We will also be looking at writing our own number sentences and number bonds to 8.

## Ways you can help your child at home:

- Continue to work on your child's home learning grid with them. Please send in any evidence or videos and we can share them in class.
- 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:

- We now have a 'Reading rocket' in class. Every time children read and have their book signed off and put it in the box they get moved up the rocket. The children are loving this and we have noticed lots more children are reading at home, if you use phonics games at home and sign in your child's reading record they can still move up the rocket. Alternately, children can request to be read with during the school day if they haven't been able to read at home the previous night.
- Another huge thank you to all of our parent helpers this week, you have been great as always. If any other parents would like to help out in class please let us know we would love to have you.
- Please continue to check our website regularly, we update this throughout the week and like to put on photos and videos of the week's learning. We have attached the link to our page: <https://holy-cross.eschools.co.uk/web/classes/37926>

## Reminders:

- Please remember to check our parent notice board daily for reminders and resources.
- If you have any questions over the weekend, as always, please email us: [hyorke@holycross.plymouth.sch.uk](mailto:hyorke@holycross.plymouth.sch.uk)

## Some dates for the diary:

- Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> February - HCPT are having a cake sale after school 3.15pm - 4.00pm
- Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> February - Valentine's Disco (Foundation 4.30pm - 5.30pm), more details to follow.
- Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February - Non-Pupil Day

We hope you have a lovely weekend. From the Foundation team ☺