

Foundation weekly newsletter 03/02/17

This week the children have been working extremely hard completing assessments ready for their new groups next half term! We have all been so impressed with the children's reading, writing and maths skills and can see so much progress in all of the children! This week in literacy, some of us have been learning about different purposes for writing. The children have been exploring labels, menus and instructions and looking at how we can write our own during COOL time. We have also been focusing on our story The Three Little Pigs and the character of the Big Bad Wolf. The children came up with some amazing adjectives to describe him and were even able to think of alternative endings to the story. In maths this week, we have been looking at securing our knowledge of one more/one less than numbers to 20 and some of us have been looking at number bonds. In phonics, we have been continuing to learn our new letter sounds and some of us have been recapping sounds we have previously learnt. Please remember to check our website for photos and videos of the amazing learning we do every week and for information about our Wonders of the Week.

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:

- 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. We have already had so many children moving up the Reading Rocket! Well done to the children and thank you for your continued support with this.
- 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.
- 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. 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.

Some dates for the diary:

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

We hope you have a lovely weekend.

From the Foundation team ☺