

Foundation weekly newsletter 06/01/17



HAPPY NEW YEAR

Happy New Year and welcome back! It is so lovely to be back in school and hear all the wonderful things you all did over the holidays. This week we have been exploring the story 'The Three Little Pigs' which is our story of the term. We have been thinking about the characters of the story and using adjectives to describe them. In

maths we have been looking at 2D shapes and their properties. Children have been creating their own shapes in the creative area and using shapes to create different pictures. The children are now in new phonics groups and have all moved onto phase 3 phonics, we will be sending out new flashcards each week.

Next week we will be continuing to look at characters in literacy and creating our own characters to add to the small world area. In maths we will be using 2D shapes in 'Arts Week' by creating our own Art Masterpieces based on the artist Kandinsky. The children will be experimenting with colour and using various mark making tools. We will be holding a parent drop in evening soon and will put the date on our parent notice board which will be out every morning and evening. This will be your chance to ask us any questions about your child's work and look through their learning journey and see all the wonderful things they do at school.

Ways you can help your child at home:

- Continue to use the sound flashcards we have sent home.
- Talk about 2D and 3D shapes you see in the environment when walking to school, on the bus or even at home.
- See the attached Home Learning Grid.

Announcements:

- We have been sending the newsletter out by email, please could you let us know if you prefer this and if not we can give you a paper copy.
- Please continue to check your child's book bag each night for other important letters and reminders.
- Please let us know if you would like to help out this term by emailing: hyorke@holycross.plymouth.sch.uk with the days and times you are available - we love having you in class and would particularly love to have parents in to hear the children read and share stories with them.

Reminders:

- Please remember to label all of your child's clothes, especially coats and hats.

We hope you have a lovely weekend.

From the Foundation team ☺