

Foundation weekly newsletter 02/11/17

We have had such a busy start to the first week back after the half term holiday. This term we will be exploring traditional stories and using drama to explore the characters and the setting and getting ready for our Christmas nativity. We have been challenging the children in number time to find one more than a given number between 1-10, they have excelled in this and we have even moved on to finding one less and using numbers 11-20. The weather has been kind to us and we have been outdoors a lot this week and have been encouraging the children to explore the changes autumn is showing us in our local environment. In music we have been looking at pitch, the children have been really good at listening to the sounds in the environment and telling us what pitch the sound is. In phonics this week we have learnt the sounds ch, qu and x. We have been very creative this week and in light of bonfire night and Remembrance Day approaching, the children have made stunning poppies that will be displayed in the hall and firework pictures, we have a class of miniature artists. We hope you all had a fantastic and fun-filled half term holiday, it is lovely to see all of the children back safe and well rested, ready to learn.

Ways you can help your child at home:

- Please read to, and with your child every night.
- Continue to talk about the characters and the settings of the stories that you read to or with your child, asking comprehension questions to develop deeper understanding of narrative
- Support your child with their individual targets (which you were given at Parent Evening)

Announcements:

- Please do email us if you have any questions or queries and we will get back to you as soon as we can hshaw@holycross.plymouth.sch.uk
- We have sent home a parent feedback form, please could you fill this out and return it to us, we would love to hear about your child and families' experiences

Reminders:

- Please could you ensure that your child comes to school every day with a coat, even if it is sunny outside as our outdoor learning area can be windy
- Please could you fill your child's water bottle before school as this helps them settle more quickly into their learning in the mornings
- Friday the 10th is the 'be bright and be seen' mufti day, children can come to school wearing the brightest clothing to raise awareness
- **It is a non-pupil day tomorrow! (3/11/17)**

We hope you have a wonderful weekend,
From the Foundation team