

# Foundation weekly newsletter

## 01/12/17

This week in Julia Donaldson Class we have been exploring more around the traditional tale 'Goldilocks and the Three Bears'. The children have been designing their own teddy bears and really developing their narrative questioning. In literacy, the children have been focussing on comprehension, some children dressed up as the characters from the story and other children hot seated them. This really helped with the children's narrative questioning and enabled them to really put themselves in the shoes of the different characters.

We have been challenging the children in number time to explore more around weight and capacity. They have been doing so well with this and although challenging at times, the children have been really enthusiastic and resilient learners.

In music we have been looking at the weather our seasons bring. In light of winter being brought upon us, the children have been making snow and rain shakers. They have thoroughly enjoyed making these and performing their new sounds with the children in the rest of the class, these will be coming home next week.

In phonics this week we have been reviewing the sounds l,h,sh,r and u. Please review these with your children at home and encourage them to write the sounds, thank you.

In design technology, the children have been making amazing traditional tale stories with levers and other pop ups, the children were fascinated by these and recalled the stories they read at home with these concepts and designs.

Thank you for all your support with the Christmas Nativity costumes and practice, we really appreciate it and the children are getting really good at remembering their lines with great clarity and pronunciation. We are very excited to share our Nativity with you next week and hope you enjoy how hard your children have all worked. Have a brilliant weekend!

### **Ways you can help your child at home:**

- Please read to, and with your child every night.
- Support your child with their individual targets (which you were given at Parent Evening)
- Support your child to learn their lines and the song for the Nativity, they will enjoy sharing these with you

### **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](mailto:hshaw@holycross.plymouth.sch.uk)
- Please can you bring in your child's Nativity outfit as soon as possible (Monday evening at the very latest) to ensure the children are well rehearsed for the performance. We appreciate that this may require resourcing some things yourselves, but please see us if there are any problems at all
- Please see us if you require any more tickets for the Nativity, we have plenty for you and your family, there will be a stand every day outside our classroom door

- Please can you return your child's slip with regards to the Pennywell Farm trip so that we can look at provision and requirements, thank you

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