Coffee Shop: This term Mon-Thu 8.30-9.30

2nd - 6th March 2020

What a super week we have had, celebrating our love of reading and exploring our favourite stories and characters. We have learnt two new digraphs in Phonics, oi (spoil) and ow (cow). Next week we are starting to learn about trigraphs - three letters that make one sound (air, ear and igh).

In Literacy this week our focus text has been Jack and the Flum Flum Tree by Julia Donaldson. We have written sentences about the story and talked about holidays and different ways of travelling to countries. We talked about our favourite trips away and then wrote a whole class postcard. If you are out and about in Plymouth or exploring somewhere new, could you write a postcard to your class and send it to school? How exciting!

We have also linked our Maths this week to Jack and the Flum Flum Tree and worked on subtraction. In the story, Jack gave the sharks balloons to pop so we did this practically to help us learn to take away. We started with 5 balloons and then popped three - each child wrote the number sentence 5-3 = modelling the whole sentence, not just the answer. We have used different means of self-help this week such as number lines and multilink and talked about how we can practise subtraction in lots of different ways such as through food (great at meal times)!

Home Learning: This week we have loved to explore our favourite stories! It led us to start thinking about those books that we have at home that we no longer read and came up with the idea of a Foundation book swap, to save money buying new books but also to encourage sharing and kindness. If you have a book that you no longer read and would be willing to exchange permanently for a much loved book from a friend, can you bring it in to school with the label below stuck in the inside of the front cover and your child's name written inside. Each class will have a 'swap box' and we will collect them throughout the week so do not panic about having to do it for Monday! At the end of the week we will gather the books between the classes and let children chose a book to take home that they have not read before - we are very excited about this so thank you for your cooperation.

Dates for this term:

Friday 13th March: Sports Relief Mufti

Thursday 26th March: Earth Action Day – come dressed for a muddy day outdoors (as children have wellies in school, they can come in trainers and put their school wellies on)

Friday 27th March: Last day of term

Wednesday 15th April: Back to school and Foundation Easter Disco (see letters coming soon)

