



## **Reception Newsletter- Week beginning: 17.11.25**

**Term 2 topic- Tell me a story**

**Our story of the week- The Little Red Hen**



**We have been very busy this week doing lots of activities around the story of 'The Little Red Hen.'**

**Ask your children what they have enjoyed doing!**

**Personal, Social and Emotional Development-** We continue to be a good friend to everyone and we are trying hard to listen to each other and work as a team. We know we always need to have kind hands and use kind words and remember that at Folly View Primary School we are READY, RESPECTFUL & SAFE. We follow this to make our class and our school a happy and safe place to be. We love to use our learning muscle, 'Andy Ant!' It is always good to work together; you never know, you might be surprised at what you can achieve! In Jigsaw this week we chatted about our families and how our families are the same and also different. We know that families come in all shapes and sizes and even friends can be a part of our family.

**Communication and Language-** After reading 'The Little Red Hen', we chatted about being helpful and we shared what we do to help our families at home. We also had a lively discussion about whether the Little Red Hen was right not to share her bread with the animals, when they had not helped her to make it. The children had strong views on this, and we discussed whether they would share themselves in the same situation!

We are doing brilliantly with our phonics! We are also becoming more confident with blending the sounds Fred Frog tells us. Ask us if we can pinch some regular three letter words on our fingers eg cat, c-a-t. We talked about how to make bread and the equipment we would need and talked through the recipe as we made the bread dough.

**Physical Development-** We love being active in Reception at outside time! We enjoy using a variety of equipment on the playground including bats, hockey sticks, hurdles, balls and hula hoops.

To help develop our fine motor skills and strengthen our fingers for drawing and writing, we have enjoyed a variety of activities. We shaped play dough into bread rolls, some of them looked good enough to eat! We loved playing with real bread dough on the malleable table! We have strengthened our fingers using construction materials, scissors and mark-making resources. In PE this week we practised moving in different ways, such as moving like a crab, galloping and skipping. We played a team game and we know how important it is to play fairly, follow the rules and know how to behave when our team wins or loses.

**Literacy-** We are continuing to learn lots of new sounds to help us to begin reading and writing. This week we learnt 'v', 'w' and 'z'. Please remember to keep all school books in book bags ready for changing each week and don't forget to share the library book with someone at home.

This week we had a go at writing the names of some farm animals and listened carefully for the sounds in the words, pinching them onto our Fred Fingers, for example, 'cat, c-a-t'. We continue to enjoy looking at a variety of fiction, non-fiction and poetry books and sharing them with our friends. We are loving listening to a poem each day before lunch, especially the funny ones!

**Mathematics-** Maths is everywhere and it is fantastic to see the children use the apparatus in their choosing a job time. We continue to practise counting in 1s to 10; recognising our numbers to 10; forming our numbers correctly; counting back from 10 to 0. This week we concentrated on number 5. We have started to explore the composition of numbers looking at all the different ways we can create these numbers. Ask us to show you the different ways of making a number with our fingers. We have also been practising our 'subitising'. This is where we look at an arrangement of 1, 2, 3 or 4 items and can say how many there are without counting them. Why not have a go with dice at home?

**Understanding the World-** We loved making bread rolls this week and enjoyed eating our bread rolls together! We continue to spot changes in our garden especially as the grass is getting wetter and muddier. We continue to enjoy our French lesson every week. We are learning colours, animal names, how to count and greetings in French. We enjoyed different activities on the smart board this week, especially continuing a pattern.

**Expressive Arts and Design-** This week we have been very busy on the art table making masks, using pastels to draw pictures from 'The Little Red Hen' and collaging a giant red hen. In RE this week thought about what makes a good present for someone and we wrapped up a present and gave it to our teacher. We have started practising our songs for Wriggley Nativity and have learnt 3 so far, and in singing assembly we are already singing Christmas songs!

Watch us make bread this week on website... [www.follyviewprimary.co.uk](http://www.follyviewprimary.co.uk)

### **Supporting learning at home**

- Why not try some different breads at home. How do they taste, feel and smell?
- Challenge your children to do up their coats by themselves and fasten their shoes! We are improving each week. Keep at it!
- Can you spot things beginning with the phonemes we are learning 'v', 'w' and 'z'? Ask your children tell you the rhyme we learn to help us to write it.
- Challenge your child to spot numbers when you're out and about.

### **Notes for next week 24.11.25**

- Appropriate outdoor wear (coats, hats and gloves) and water bottles to be in school every day, please.
- Friday 28<sup>th</sup> November is non uniform day, please bring in a jar filled with (toys/sweets) for the tombola stall at the Festive Folly View afternoon.

**Have a lovely weekend!**