

Information Sheet for the Parent - HOOFA THE BOOFA

This is a basic story with lots of words that can be sounded out like *BOOM – POP – BOO - HOO*

Noise words like these are good words to learn to write because they are FUN! & your child can enjoy saying them **B O O M ! & P O P !**

Being able to hear the letters in a word can help some kids understand the connection between letters / words & what they are being asked to write.

Below are some things you can talk to your child about from this story. Just pick and choose what you want to talk about - You don't have to ask all these questions!

Questions you can ask your child on phone or in a letter or visit are:

Note: If you're able to make phone calls then you can read it to them. *"Have you got the story I sent you? Shall we read it together?"*

- Why did that Hoofa the Boofa have no friends?
- **Why ask this?** - Ask this so your child can describe in their own words why no one liked her.
- If your child said it was because she farted / stank / was stinky...then
- You can ask them if this was nice / fair. Perhaps you have a story you can share with them. Many of us remember back to our school days when often someone who was a bit different was picked on.
- If your child can't explain why no one liked Hoofa the Boofa – don't push them too hard. You can explain to your child why no one liked her!
- Talk about how nice it was when everyone worked together to help the Hoofa the Boofa.
- Ask your child if they can imagine the **smell & sound** 23 cow's farts would make! **KABOOM!**
- Ask your child if they can count to 23. If they can't ... then try counting to 23 slowly with them. If they are really little or struggle with numbers even teaching them to count to 3 will give them a confidence boost.
- Ask them if they can spell any of the words in the story. Make this fun...but only go at your child's pace as you want to make learning enjoyable.
 - ✓ BOOM and POP would be a good word to work on.

& Finally! – ask your child to draw a picture of Hoofa the Boofa to send in to **you.**