

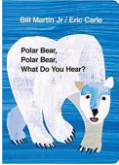
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Excalibur Primary School

Term: Spring 1 Week: One

## Reception Class Newsletter

Happy New Year, welcome back. A warm welcome to Sira who joined us this week.



Our story of the week this week has been 'Polar Bear, Polar Bear What Do you Hear?' The children have enjoyed performing the story each day with the actions and thinking of their own words to describe the noises the different animals make. Over the next few weeks we will be sharing stories that take us on journeys and to different parts of the world.



We have begun the New Year, with new RWI groups. The class are grouped into 5 progress groups. Everyone is doing really well and as we keep saying we are so proud of them all. Some children are ready to move away from the lilac sound blending books and have begun reading red ditty books. In RWI terms a ditty is a story made up of a few short unpunctuated sentences. They have been reading them in school this week and will bring them home to share with you on Monday. I will upload a video onto Seesaw if your child has been reading these books so you know how they work. Some children have begun reading the paper ditty sheets this week, which we read before red ditty books. The children are currently spending a couple of days reading them so will bring one home every other day for the next few weeks until they are ready for the red ditty books. They will continue to bring home the lilac sound blending books each Monday too. These groups of children have been learning the special friends; sh, ch, th, qu, ng and nk which can be found in the back of the green sound blending books. Other children are developing their oral blending and are almost ready to move onto the ditty sheets which is in line with the expectation for reception children at this time of year. They will also continue to bring home the sound blending books.

### Cardboard tubes wanted!

Next week as part of our planned provision we will be making cardboard binoculars. If you could send any cardboard kitchen roll/wrapping paper tubes in, we would really appreciate it. For hygiene reasons please can we ask that you don't send toilet roll tubes in.



### Super stars



Our stars today are James and Florence



### Mystery Reader

Thank you to Orlando's Dad who kindly volunteered to be our mystery readers this week.

Have a wonderful weekend,

Mrs Rogers, Miss Morrey, Mrs Thompson  
and Mrs Bebbinaton