Excalibur Primary School

Term: Autumn 2 Week: two

Reception Class Newsletter

On Tuesday the children joined the Years one and two for our "Bonfire Celebration". Mr Pickin had prepared our very own bonfire and the children watched (from a safe distance) as Mrs Ling lit the bonfire. The children enjoyed their chocolate pears as they watched the flames dance. They were excited when the fire was extinguished with water. Everyone then had hot chocolate to warm them up on a frosty morning.

The children have been interviewing members of staff this week to find out who helps us in school. Each colour group went to visit a different adult. They asked interesting questions and used the iPad to record video footage and take photos. The interviews were then shared with the rest of the class.

In maths, we explored estimation and discussed when we might need to estimate in real life situations. The children looked at groups of objects and tried to make an "educated guess". We recorded their estimates and then counted to check how many. We compared numbers which were good estimates with those which were not. We also looked at how arranging the objects in certain ways made it easier to "look and say" how many.

In Read Write Inc, we added new sounds I, h and r. We have also been recapping the sounds so far. The children have been busy trying to annunciate the sounds and have been learning how to form these letters correctly in order to record them. We also used our Fred fingers to segment CVC words in order to spell.

Guided Reading has now begun so all children have a particular reading day. The Guided Reading books are shared with the group and are then sent home for you to share. We will collect the books in on their Guided Reading day. Their day has been written in their planner in case they forget to tell you!

Dates for your diary



Wednesday 16th November -

Christmas Tree Decoration Workshop.



Children need to bring their best smiles for individual photos.



Remember to "Wear it Spotty" to support Children in Need. The children are invited to bring $\pounds 1$ to wear something spotty and non-uniform for the day.

Enjoy the weekend,

Mrs Cheadle, Mrs Thompson and Miss Kirby

Super stars

Well done to Vaughn and Jessica who are our stars of the week. Keep it up!



Well done to Finlay K. and Beatrix who are VIP's this week. Fantastic manners!

Special Achievement

The children have been really brave this week and most have come in on their own. We are very proud of them all as this is a big step.

Mystery Reader

The children were excited to have our first Mystery Reader this week. A big thank you to Harrison W's mum who shared a selection of stories including "Kitchen Disco" and "The Gruffalo". The children all listened very carefully.

