



18th November 2016

Excalibur Primary School

Term: Autumn 2 Week: three

Reception Class Newsletter

Our focus text, this week, was the story of "The Gruffalo". We talked about the story setting and the characters in the adventure. The children worked hard to hear, say and record sounds in words to make a Gruffalo word mat. They also loved making Gruffalo masks, stick puppets and ordering characters according to size. The children are developing confident scissor skills.

The fire services were our "People who help us" focus this week. We recalled what happened when we had our practice fire drill and discussed what to do if there was ever a home fire. The children made very sensible suggestions about what we should and shouldn't do. We discussed making 999 calls if there was ever a real emergency and the importance of the children knowing their home address. The children made fire safety posters to remind people to "Get out and stay out!" and we sang our "Fire Fighter" song.

In Read Write Inc, we added new sounds sh, j, v and y. The children have been working hard to select and position the magnetic tile letters to spell CVC words. They worked hard, with their perfect partners, to blend and read across the words.

The children have been trying hard to show what they know during Guided Reading. They have been using the pictures to help make sense of the storyline. They have looked closely at character expressions to think how they might be feeling.

Fire safety talk

Finlay K's Granddad came to talk to the children about fire safety this week. He brought a real fire fighter suit and the children loved taking turns to try it on. They listened carefully about keeping safe and had lots of interesting questions to ask. He gave the children a special task to remind their families every Friday to test the smoke detectors in their homes. *A big thank you to Finlay's Grandparents, we really appreciated your time and efforts!*

*Have a lovely weekend,
Mrs Cheadle, Mrs Thompson and
Miss Kirby ☺*



Super stars

Well done to Isaac and Lacey-Jay who are our stars of the week. Well done!



Well done to Angel and Vaughn who are VIP's this week. Fantastic manners!

Mystery Reader

Our Mystery Reader this week was Finley B's Granddad. The children loved hearing the story of "Norman and the silly shell". *Thank you so much for coming to read to our class!*

