



9th December 2016

Excalibur Primary School

Term: Autumn 2 Week: six

Reception Class Newsletter

The children have been practising for our nativity performance "Whoops-a-daisy Angel". We had a full dress rehearsal and the children looked amazing in their costumes. We had a variety of footwear sent in but have decided that it will be safer for the children to wear their PE pumps to enable them to join in with the dance.

We have continued with activities based on our focus text "The Gruffalo's Child". The children have been busy putting their writing skills to work. Some have written words and captions for a speech bubble, whilst others have recorded first, next, and last sentences. The children have also been shaping and assembling a "Gruffalo's child" puppet.

In maths, our Christmas countdown has begun! The children are excited to find out who will be taking home a candy cane each day. We have also been counting forwards and backwards to a given points on the number line.

In Read Write Inc, we have been focusing on speed sounds and have begun checking the children's individual knowledge of sounds covered so far. Next week we will also be checking the children's ability to segment and blend given words. This is the last week for guided reading while we carry out assessments and check that the children are getting the right level of challenge. Guided reading will begin again after the Christmas holidays.



Church Visit

The children will be off to visit St Mary's Church on Thursday 15th December 2016. Remember to send them in school uniform and with outdoor clothing suitable for the weather on the day. Home time will be as usual.

Super stars

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



Well done to Harrison M. and Martha who are the VIP's this week. Super manners!



A Special Request

We have planned activities based on the story of "Stickman". This will lead us nicely into Christmas. We want the children to each make their own stickman character. While you are out and about can you look out for a suitable stick?

Please send stick donations in by Monday 19th December.

Mystery Reader

A big thank you to Angel's mum who came to be our mystery reader on Wednesday. The children listened as she shared a selection of stories including "Charlie Cook's favourite book" and "The Paper dolls".

Thanks again for your time!



*Hope you have a lovely weekend,
Mrs Cheadle, Mrs Thompson and Miss Kirby*