

13th January 2017

Excalibur Primary School

Term: Spring 1 Week: one

Reception Class Newsletter



A warm welcome back to the start of an exciting new year. We are looking forward to the term ahead and have many engaging learning opportunities planned for the children. We hope you all had a fantastic Christmas break. Thank you all so much for your kind messages, cards and gifts. It was very much appreciated!

The children sound like they have all had fun over the Christmas break. They were very keen to share their experiences during circle time. They all listened carefully as everyone in their house team took a turn to speak.



Our focus text, this week, has been "We're Going on a Bear Hunt" by Michael Rosen. The children have loved the chance to explore the story through drama and movement. They also made impressive story maps which will continue to develop next week. The children showed great interest as they found out facts about real bears. They have also loved exploring in our new role-play area with its very own bear hunt areas.



In maths, we have counted forwards and backwards to given numbers. We have also noticed numbers missing on a number line track.



In Read Write Inc, the children were introduced to their new groups and their perfect partner. Some of the children have recapped sounds that they have not yet retained and others have moved on to new sounds. The new groups will help to ensure all of the children are making their next steps of progress. Some children have also changed groups for guided reading and this has been noted in their school planner.

"Bring a Bear" day

The Reception children are invited to bring their favourite bear to school on **Friday 20th January** for some "beary" special activities. We will go for a real bear hunt around the school grounds. We will also make honey sandwiches to share with our bears during snack time.



Have a great weekend and we'll see you all on Monday,

*Mrs Cheadle, Mrs Thompson
and Miss Kirby*

Super stars

Well done to Ava and Finlay K. who are our stars of the week. Keep it up!



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

Mystery Reader

A big thank you to Joshua and Emily's mum who came to be our mystery reader. The children listened carefully as she shared a selection of stories including "Room on the broom" and "Five minutes' peace". Thanks again for your time and for the activity sheets!

