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### Excalibur Primary School

Term: Spring 1 Week: three

# **Reception Class Newsletter**

Another busy week has flown by in Reception. The children have enjoyed the opportunity to create their own 3D models in our "Make and do" area. We talked about having an idea in mind before they made a start. What was it going to be? If it was a car, for example, it would need wheels. They are beginning to share their ideas and use their imaginations.

The children have also drawn a second picture to add to our "Marvellous Me" display. These will be displayed alongside the original drawings that they did way back in September. It is a lovely way to see how their pictures have developed over time. They have also begun to record some wonderful writing to accompany their second picture.

In Read Write Inc, the children have all been working really hard. They are increasingly confident when word building or recording given words. We have also been busy sorting real and alien (non-sense) words.

In maths, we have been investigating "one less" than a given number. The children counted how many and then took one away to find the new total. We looked closely at how this would be recorded in a number sentence. Those children who were ready were encouraged to record their own number sentences to show their findings.

Today the children have found out about Chinese New Year and how it is celebrated. They have had the opportunity to experience some special activities. These have included; making Chinese lanterns, folding and creating dragon puppets and tasting a variety of Chinese foods.

### Runway Visitor's Centre

A letter for the Reception trip has been sent out with more details about our day out. If you have any questions please come and ask.

# Super stars

Well done to Francesca and Imogen who are our stars of the week.

Keep it up!



## Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Cheadle, Mrs Thompson and Miss Kirby

#### Mystery Reader

Isla's Grandma was our mystery reader this week. She shared the story "The day the crayons quit". It was very funny! The children also enjoyed the chance to talk about their favourite colours. Thank you so much for your time!

