



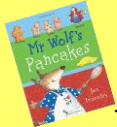
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Excalibur Primary School

Term: Spring 2 Week: one

## Reception Class Newsletter

We have launched our new topic "Run, run as fast as you can". The children have loved getting into character in our new role-play area "Grandma's Cottage" and they were excited to explore the small world story toys and books.



This week, "Mr Wolf's Pancakes" was the main focus for our learning activities. The story fitted in nicely with Pancake Day and the introduction of some traditional characters starring in an alternative story. The children felt a bit sorry for the wolf and helped him write shopping lists of ingredients for pancakes. Some children even recorded instructions so he could make his pancakes.

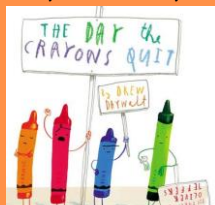
In maths, we looked closely at different coins and talked about face value. The children helped Mr Wolf count his coins to buy things from the store. We discussed why there wasn't a 6p, 11p or 30p coin, for example. We even counted in fives and tens to help us count sets of coins quickly. The children enjoyed handling real coins and made coin rubbings. We also talked about how cards can be used to pay for items electronically and how cash machines only work if you have money saved in the bank.

This week, the children have been showing how clever they are at reading high frequency words. New focus words have been recorded in their planners so they can be practised at home. Guided reading will continue as usual next week and new reading days will be written in planners.

### World Book Day

Reception joined in with the rest of the school as we celebrated World Book Day. We shared the story of "The Day the Crayons Quit" and talked about our chosen colour. The children said what they would colour in and then recorded simple sentences.

*Luckily nobody came as peach crayon!*



### Super stars

Well done to Lucy and Isaac who are our stars of the week.

Keep it up!



Beatrix, Erin and Lacey-Jay were our VIP children at lunch today. Super manners!

### Mystery Reader

Grace's mum came to be our mystery reader this week. Grace was proud to have her mum share some stories with her the class.

*Many thanks for your time!*



*Have a lovely weekend,*

*Mrs Cheadle, Mrs Thompson and Miss Kirby*

