



10<sup>th</sup> March 2017

Excalibur Primary School

Term: Spring 2 Week: two

## Reception Class Newsletter



This week, the traditional story of "Little Red Riding Hood" helped fuel our learning activities. The children have listened to several different versions and we have discussed how they were similar and how they were different. We also received a letter from the Big, Bad Wolf who claimed that he had turned over a new leaf and wished to make amends for his bad behaviour. He asked for the children's help to think how he could apologise when he wasn't allowed to go anywhere near Grandma. They had great suggestions and showed the wolf how to make a "Get Well Soon" card or write a sorry letter. We discussed giving the wolf a second chance.



In maths, we found out about different ways of measuring time. We talked about the seasons, months and days of the week and how they help us to sequence events like birthdays or Christmas. We talked about events that can sequence our day and night. We moved on to telling o'clock times using an analogue clock. The children loved finding out how to tell the time and made their own paper plate clocks with movable hands. They explored teaching clocks, sand timers and digital timers. They designed and created their own paper wrist watches too. We played "What time is it Mr Wolf?" and even talked about the moving cogs inside clocks!!

Guided reading has continued this week and the children were all excited to share the chosen text with their new group. New reading days can be seen in planners.

### Spring has sprung

We had a superb discussion about Spring. The children asked very interesting questions from pollination to how baby lambs are born (we did skirt around the latter!!) We encouraged the children to search for signs of Spring on our seasonal walk. We noticed new buds on trees, spotted Spring flowers and listened to the birds singing in the trees.



### Mystery Reader

Martha's mum came to be our mystery reader. She read a new Julia Donaldson story "The Anywhere Bear" and "It takes two to Twit Twoo". *Many thanks for giving your time to share stories!*



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

