

24th March 2023

Excalibur Primary School

Term: Spring 2 Week: Four

Reception Class Newsletter



'The Gingerbread Man' is one of my favourite weeks in school. We have had a very busy week as you may have seen on Seesaw. There have been more STEM opportunities through our bridge building challenge that the children undertook yesterday, as well as making and eating our own gingerbread. Reading skills were put to the test on Wednesday as the children raced around the school reading clues left by the Gingerbread Man which eventually led them to Mrs Jones's office. There, they found the Gingerbread Man and a tasty treat were waiting for them. There has of course been lots of drama and role play opportunities too. In maths we have continued to consolidate our understanding of 9 and 10 and how they are made up of smaller numbers. We the children have been learning some Easter themed songs too and begun to learn about the Easter story and how Easter is celebrated. We are very much looking forward to our special ball day on Wednesday too.

Maths in EYFS

Maths in reception and how to help at home was a topic that came up a few times at parents evening. At Excalibur the whole school follow a scheme called 'White Rose Maths'.

On the White Rose website, <https://whiterosemaths.com/> there is a section for parents. Using the drop down menus you can access the curriculum for all year groups. We are currently working on the unit 'Building 9+10'. If you click on the scheme of work there are lots of activities that you could do at home. Our maths lead, Miss Forrester will be leading a maths evening for parents in the Summer term so I would urge you to attend if you can. You might also find it useful to watch this video again on developing children's early number sense. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2Ow8vEmh8lA>.



Super stars



Our stars today are James and Sira



Congratulations!

Mystery Readers

Thank you to Aryella's Mum who was our mystery reader for this week.

Dates Ahead:

29th March – Reception Once Upon a Time' Ball (dress as a King/prince/princess/queen/knight for the day. Invitations have been sent out now!

31st March – finish for Easter.

Have a wonderful weekend,

Mrs Rogers, Miss Morrey, Mrs Thompson and Mrs Bebbington