

5th May 2017

Excalibur Primary School

Term: Summer 1 Week: Three

Reception Class Newsletter

We have begun our "Down on the Farm" theme this week and the children have found out about animal homes. The children shared some wonderful ideas about homes and why they are important.

In literacy, our focus story was "What the Ladybird Heard". The children discussed the robbers and how they tried to steal the prize cow. We talked about the instructions the robbers had used and how the animals had managed to trick them.

In maths, we focused on directional language including left and right, forward and backwards. The children read instruction cards to direct a partner. We talked about why giving instructions might be important in real life situations. The children enjoyed inputting instructions into Bee Bot (a programmable toy). They learnt how to send the Bee Bot on a journey around a series of obstacles. They also enjoyed using a Bee Bot app on the mini iPads to practise their coding skills.

The children have been finding out about ladybirds and how they grow. They all shared a variety of facts about ladybirds and we used a search engine to find out even more. We looked closely at the ladybird life cycle and the children were surprised by how the larvae were so different from the adult ladybirds.



Remember

Stockley Farm visit- Friday 12th May.

Remember that school jumpers or cardigans should be worn with leggings or jog trousers. The children will also need a waterproof coat, wellington boots or old trainers, a full water bottle and a sunhat if it's sunny. Please come and ask if you have any questions.

FOE Disco- Friday 12th May

Sports Week- Mon. 22nd to Fri. 26th May

Children will come to school wearing their PE kit and trainers. Tracksuits may also be needed if the weather is cooler. On Friday children will need a T-shirt in their house colour. Please ask if you are not sure of their house colour. (Separate letter to follow)

Super stars

Well done to Finley B. and Beatrix who are our stars of the week.

Fantastic effort!



Mystery Reader

Our mystery reader was Isla's mum.

She read the story of "Winnie the witch and the amazing pumpkin". The children listened beautifully. *Many thanks for your time!*



Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Cheadle and Mrs Thompson