



8th December 2017

Excalibur Primary School

Term: Autumn 2 Week: six

Reception Class Newsletter



We have been busy practising for our Christmas Celebration this week. The children loved the opportunity to perform for their families. They also enjoyed the chance to look closely at the features of St Mary's and were particularly impressed with the stain glass windows. We hope you enjoyed the performance if you were lucky enough to join us and many thanks for providing such fabulous costumes, they all looked amazing!



The role play area has now been transformed into "Santa's workshop". The children will be encouraged to engage in a variety of activities including writing letters to Santa, wrapping presents for the elves, creating Christmas cards and searching for clues on a Christmas picture hunt. The children have also been busy creating Christmas angels to decorate the classroom.



We have used the story of "The Gruffalo" as a stimulus for our activities this week. The children have looked closely at, and have talked about, a story map depicting the story. They have been using the puppets to act out the story and have recorded labels or simple sentences about the adventure. Next week we plan to make Gruffalo crumble!



In maths, we have been adding pictures to find how many altogether. The children have then matched the total quantities with given numbers cards. Some children went on to explore recording their addition in a number sentence. We have also been responding to one more than. We have been thinking of the number that is one more than a given. The children have been using number fans to show their answers.

Super stars

Well done to Sienna B. and Alex who are our stars of the week. Fantastic effort!



Well done to Joshua and Joseph who are VIP's this week. Keep up the super manners!

Christmas Post



Keep sending in your Christmas cards so the children can post them in our class post box. The children have loved receiving the ones given out so far.

Dates for your diary



Wednesday 13th December 2017- Reception and year one children travel to The Lowry to watch a performance of "The Gruffalo". Please note that we anticipate being back at school at 3.45pm. In the event of a delay, please make sure the office has an up to date mobile number so you can receive a text message update via parent mail. We will have an early school lunch before we leave. We will keep folders in school overnight and send them home on Thursday.



Friday 15th December 2017- Christmas Jumper Day. Children are invited to wear their Christmas jumpers (details to follow)

Enjoy the weekend,

Mrs Rogers, Mrs Cheadle, Mrs Thompson
and Miss Lewington ☺

