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Excalibur Primary School

Term: Spring 1 Week: one

Reception Class Newsletter

2018
Happy New Year!

A warm welcome back to the start of an exciting new year. We are looking forward to the term ahead and have many engaging learning opportunities planned for the children. We hope you all had a fantastic Christmas break. Thank you all so much for your kind messages, cards and gifts. It was very much appreciated!

The children sound like they have all had fun over the Christmas break. They were very keen to share their experiences in school. They all listened carefully as everyone took a turn to speak.



Our focus text, this week, has been "We're Going on a Bear Hunt" by Michael Rosen. The children have loved the chance to explore the story through drama and movement. They also made impressive story maps which we will continue to develop next week. The children showed great interest as they found out facts about real bears. They have also loved exploring in our new role-play area with its very own bear hunt areas.

The children have also drawn a second picture to add to our "Marvellous Me" display. These will be displayed alongside the original drawings that they did way back in September. It is a lovely way to see how their pictures have developed over time. They have also begun to record some wonderful writing to accompany their second picture.



In maths, we have counted forwards and backwards to given numbers. We have also noticed numbers missing on a number line or number square.



In Read Write Inc, the children have been learning about y, w, th and z. We have been practising the formation of these letters to help record them independently.

"Bring a Bear" day

The Reception children are invited to bring their favourite bear to school on **Wednesday 17th January** for some "beary" special activities. We will go for a real bear hunt around the school grounds. We will also make honey sandwiches to share with our bears during snack time. *Please come and ask if you have any questions!*



Have a great weekend and we'll see you all on Monday,

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

Super stars

Well done to Ethan and Theo who are our stars of the week. Keep it up!

Mystery Reader

A big thank you to Sam's dad who came to be our mystery reader. The children listened carefully as he shared the story of "Zog and the Flying Doctors". Thanks again for your time!

