

19<sup>th</sup> January 2018

Excalibur Primary School

Term: Spring 1 Week: two

## Reception Class Newsletter

We have continued our activities based around the story "We're Going on a Bear Hunt". The children have completed their story maps and have added further detail to make them even better. They have each recorded a list of things to take on a bear hunt. The children were also keen to create their own model binoculars. It was interesting to see how resourceful and persistent they were when adapting their models.

On Wednesday, we had our "Bring a Bear" day. The children made name labels and crowns for their bears. They measured their bears and compared them with other children's bears. We took them out on a real bear hunt around the school grounds and acted out the story. In the afternoon, the children made yummy honey and marmalade sandwiches to share during snack time.



During topic work, the children have explored ice and melting. They have investigated different ways to make their ice balloons melt more quickly. The children were excited when different objects were frozen inside the ice. They noticed the water dripping from the ice balloons as they each started to melt.



We have also been learning about the polar regions and the animals who live there. The children had lots of interesting questions. We plan to set up a play tray in the classroom with some polar regions resources to explore.

In Read Write Inc, the children have all been working really hard to hold and record simple sentences. The children's growing confidence and enthusiasm is wonderful to see.

In maths, we have been exploring pattern. The children have enjoyed making their own repeating patterns. We have also practised counting in tens, twos and fives.

### Super stars

Well done to Thomas and Tiffany who are our stars of the week.

Keep it up!



### Mystery Reader

A big thank you to Joey's mum who was our mystery reader this week. She shared the very funny story "You can't take an elephant on the bus". The children (and their bears) listened very carefully. Remember to sign up for a mystery reader slot if you haven't already



*Have a great weekend,*

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

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