

12th January 2024

Excalibur Primary School

Term: Spring 1 Week: One

Reception Class Newsletter

Happy New Year! We hope you all had a wonderful Christmas and New Year. It is lovely to be back. The children have settled into our school routines very quickly.



'We're Going on a Lion Hunt' is our featured story this week. We have danced and moved like lions, painted lions and begun to explore the world using maps. We performed the story every day and have enjoyed going on our own lion hunts.

We have begun the New Year, with new RWI groups. The class are grouped into 5 progress groups. Everyone is doing really well and as we keep saying we are so proud of them all. Some children are ready to move away from the lilac sound blending books and have begun reading red ditty books. In RWI terms a ditty is a story made up of a few short unpunctuated sentences. They have been reading them in school this week and will bring them home to share with you on Monday. I will upload a video onto Seesaw if your child has been reading these books so you know how they work. Some children are now ready to read paper ditty sheets, which we read before red ditty books. They will bring one home every day for the next few weeks until they are ready for the red ditty books. They will continue to bring home the lilac sound blending books each Monday too. These groups of children will be learning the special friends; sh, ch, th, qu, ng and nk which can be found in the back of the green sound blending books. Other children are developing their oral blending and consolidating sounds they don't know. Some children are finishing off red ditty books before moving onto green books and a final group have begun to read green books and are beginning to learn set 2 sounds. Information videos for all groups will be posted next week as well as supporting videos.

PE days

Due to the hall time table being restructured, we now have PE on a Wednesday afternoon and Thursday morning.



Super stars



Well done to Saakisan and Rafferty our two stars of the week



Mystery Reader

There was no mystery reader this week, but we are looking forward to our first mystery reader of 2024 who will join us next week.

Maths at home

This week we have been spotting zero. We went on a zero hunt around school, as well as understanding that zero comes before one. We used a number of stories such as 'Zero is the Leaves on the Tree' and 'None the Number' to help us with our learning. We have also been talking about how numbers 0 to 5 are represented.

Vocabulary of the week

Our words of the week this week were meandering, exuberant, barrier, fearless, sprint, exhausted, creeping and dim.

Dates Ahead:

16th February – finish for half term

Have a wonderful weekend from the EYFS team