



## Excalibur Primary School

22<sup>nd</sup> January 2024

### Pre-school Weekly Newsletter

Term: Spring one Week: three



A warm welcome to our new starter and her family!

This week, our main story has been 'A Dot in the Snow'. The children have completed some polar bear themed activities and have found out a bit about real polar bears. We found out where polar bears live and how they are such great swimmers. We also discussed the dangers of icy water for children and adults. The children enjoyed designing colourful winter woollies using the painting dabbers. They also tried hard to steer their scissors to cut and create a polar bear mask.

This week, we continued our 'Wiggle into Squiggle' activities (which support pre-writing skills). This week's movement was 'down'. Each week we will add a new movement.

On Monday afternoon, we found out what Rainbow Rabbit had been up to when he went to visit Erin for the weekend. He had a great time! He is looking forward to his next sleepover with another pre-schooler this weekend.

During PE, on Wednesday, we moved in response to music and instruction to perform a winter dance. The children had some marvellous ideas which we strung together to create a class routine.

A reminder of some of our weekly events...

On **Monday morning** we have Rhythm Time with Gemma (no additional cost).

On **Tuesday afternoon** we visit our school library and the children bring home a chosen book. They need to bring their library packs in on Tuesday and return the book the following Tuesday.

On **Wednesday morning** we have PE in our school hall. The children change into their PE kits so that they can move more easily. This is also an opportunity to practice putting on their own clothes and footwear. Children should bring in a PE kit (leggings, joggers or shorts, a t-shirt and school pumps or trainers). All clothing should be named as they often like to swap their outfits!

On **Friday morning** we go to the hall for a celebration assembly with Reception. Two 'Stars of the week' are chosen and we post their photos on Seesaw to let you know who our stars are. Certificates are sent home and a star badge is given to be worn for the following week. The following Friday, star badges should be returned to pre-school.

### Number Time



This week, we have looked at number 4. We shared the story of 'Pete the Cat and his Four Groovy Buttons' (which the children loved!)

We followed up with a counting game and the children had to find buttons with the correct number of holes to put on Pete's shirt. Our rhyme of the week was the 'Five Little Snowman' which the children enjoyed acting out. We have looked at the numerals 1, 2, 3, and 4. We have also explored, sorted and named 4 sided

As always, come and ask if you have any questions!  
Mrs Cheadle, Miss Dugmore and Miss Bebbington

