



2nd February 2024

Excalibur Primary School

Term: Spring 1 Week: Four

Reception Class Newsletter



We have once again been travelling the world through the wonderful rhyming story, 'Emma Jane's Aeroplane'. Emma Jane travels around the world collecting a variety of animals as she visits landmarks such as The Eiffel Tower, Sydney Opera house and Big Ben. The story has really captured the children's imaginations. Manhattan skyscrapers and Beijing palaces have been recreated in the building area as well as the streets of London.

One of our small world provisions has been an elephant sanctuary in Thailand. Mrs Ling's son is currently volunteering at one and made us a special video explaining what happens there and how the elephants are cared for.

For the final two weeks our stories will be transport themed.

Vocabulary of the week

Our words of the week this week were tranquil, swoop, soar, dazzle, plummet and relief.

Show and Tell – What happens in a church?

Next week for 'Show and Tell', we are asking for anything connected to church. It might be a photo of a wedding or christening, a christening item or a bible or you may have a vicar in the family! Please feel free to pop photos onto Seesaw if that is easier. As part of our RE learning we are finding out what a church is used for. We are planning to take the children to Wesley Place after half term to explore further what happens in a church. Further details will be sent out once a date is confirmed.

Mystery Reader

Thank you to Rory's Mum and Tallulah's Dad who both came to be our mystery readers for this week.



Super stars



Well done to Mollie and Reuben our two stars of the week



Maths at home

This week we have begun exploring the composition of 6 and 7. Some children are already quite confident with this, whilst other children are still consolidating their learning. Some home learning challenges around subitising (being able to say how many there are of something without counting) have been posted on Seesaw. Being able to subitise small quantities (no more than 5) is vital when developing early number sense. If you have time to do some of these at home we would love to see them on Seesaw.

Dates Ahead:

Friday 16th February – finish for half term

Monday 26th February – Back to school

Wednesday 28th March – Once Upon a Time Ball (dress as a princess, prince, king, queen or knight for the day) details to follow nearer the time).

Thursday 29th March – Finish for Easter

Monday 15th April – Back to school

Thursday 6th June – Reception Class visit to Runway Visitor Centre (details will follow nearer the time).

*Have a wonderful weekend from the
EYFS team*