



11<sup>th</sup> May 2018

Excalibur Primary School

Term: Summer 1 Week: Four

## Reception Class Newsletter



We have continued to learn about farms this week. We have looked closely at different animal photos and the children made observations about what they could see. The children then worked creatively to shape and mould animals from modelling clay. They found their "Dough Disco" skills came in handy for rolling legs and pitching ear shapes. The children have enjoyed painting their creations and selected appropriate colours for each part. We now have lots of snakes, pigs, cats, dogs and a snail in the classroom.



In literacy, we have continued to use farm stories to fuel our learning. We looked at the animal descriptions in "Farmyard Hullabaloo". Some of the children recorded their own descriptions so we could play guess who. Other children practised recording animal sentences which were clear for others to read. All the children worked really hard to form letters carefully.

In maths, we focused on recording numbers. Many of the children are still reversing their numbers when they write them. In order to achieve the ELG for number Reception children should be able to recognise, name, order and record numbers to at least 20. This is something that can be practised at home for a bit of extra homework. We have also been investigating doubling given numbers.

### Remember

On **Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> May** we visit Stockley Farm.

We plan to leave school as soon as possible so the Reception door will open at 8.40am.

Remember that a school jumper or cardigan should be worn along with leggings or jog trousers. The children will also need a waterproof coat, wellington boots or old trainers.

If you have ordered a packed lunch, one will be provided. Otherwise, please send in a packed lunch (with a drink) in disposable packaging so it can be thrown away after lunch.

Children will need a filled water bottle. They may also need a sunhat and sun cream (already applied) if the sun decides to shine!

### Super stars

Well done to Sam and Emily who are our stars of the week. Fantastic effort!



Our VIP's for lunch today were Tilly and Evie  
Super manners!

### Mystery Reader

Pippa was excited to have her brother Adam be our mystery reader. The children loved hearing the story of "Snip Snap Croc". *Many thanks for your time!*



*Have a lovely weekend,*

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

