



25<sup>th</sup> May 2018

Excalibur Primary School

Term: Summer 1 Week: Six

## Reception Class Newsletter

The children have had a lovely end to the half term with Sports Week. They have much to look forward to next half term with the launch of our new topic "Beside the sea". We have planned a Pirate's Party for Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> July so time to start planning your child's outfit! (further details to follow). The children will also have transition visits to year one to help them get ready for next September. They will also help to welcome our new starters when they join the class for their pre-school visits. The Reception children will show them how to use our environment and how to interact with one another.

Sports week was a huge success with the children and staff! We all enjoyed the opportunity to try different activities including football, cricket, yoga, Rugby tots, athletics and dance. Scoot fit was a particular favourite! The week was nicely rounded off with our Sports day events. We hoped you managed to join us to share the experience. The children showed great sportmanship by cheering one another on, accepting that you don't always win and trying their best.



On Tuesday, Mrs Cadman came to visit and brought a selection of creatures for the children to explore. These included two geckos, a tortoise, and a scorpion. The children were all very brave and decided whether to touch certain creatures if they were allowed. Mrs Cadman gave the children a packet of colouring pencils and they entered a competition to draw their favourite creature. These will be passed on to the judges at Kidsgrove vets. *Many thanks to Mrs Cadman and Charlie for your time and efforts.*

Guided reading groups and Read Write Inc will continue after the holiday. The children are making super progress so keep practising as much as possible to help reinforce what is being learnt at school.

And finally, as we prepare for the move into year one our weekly letters will finish. A topic letter will be sent out for our final half term so that we fall into line with the rest of the school. This will mean that the children will be expected to talk about what we have been learning about in school.

### Holiday Homework

Please find attached holiday homework. The children will be invited to share their finished results on their next "Show and tell" day. If you don't get chance over the holiday the following week will be fine.

### Requests for after half term

We have a couple of requests for resources to support our "Beside the sea" topic. We would therefore ask that everyone sends in the following:

- A clean, clear plastic bottle. This we plan to use for a message in a bottle.
- A kitchen roll tube (we can't accept toilet rolls for health and safety reasons). This will be transformed into a telescope.

### Mystery Reader

Ethan's mum was our mystery reader this week. She shared the story of "All Change".

*Many thanks for your time!*



**Have a great half term break,**

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

