



30th November 2018

Excalibur Primary School

Term: Autumn 2 Week: four

Reception Class Newsletter



We have been busy practising for our Christmas Nativity this week. The children have been trying hard to learn the new songs and actions. A reminder that costumes need to be in school by 5th December. Please see a member of staff if you have any questions about this.



We have read the story of the "First Christmas" and the children enjoyed finding out about the different characters. Some of the children recalled a Nativity that they had been involved in at Nursery or at church. They responded to the story with questions and comments.



In Literacy, the children have been doing some creative writing based on the story of "Not a Stick" by Antoinette Portis. They used their imaginations to think what a simple stick could become. The children said it in a sentence and then tried hard to record their ideas on paper.



In Maths, we have been measuring. We have talked about things we measure in everyday life. The children have used their Stick Man measuring rulers to compare objects around the setting. They have used comparative language such as the same as, longer than, shortest etc. The children have also used tape measures to find the length of given objects. They have explored using the scale and have counted along to measure more accurately.

In Read Write Inc, we have continued to learn the set one sounds and have added new sounds x, ch, qu, nk and ng. Some of the children are now secure with CVC words and are ready for the challenge of words with friendly letters (e.g. splash, chop, wish, ring etc). Other children are beginning to hear the CVC word when an adult segments. It is important not to compare your child with other children in the class. Reading skills take time to develop and children often suddenly have a spurt when it suddenly all makes sense. Keep practising and try to be patient!

Reading books

Please have a good look at home for any school reading books you may still have. We have several guided reading sets which can't be used because one or two are missing. We would be very grateful if these are returned as soon as possible.



A polite reminder that planners should be used to record home learning and need to be signed regularly. Many thanks for your anticipated support and please ask if you have any questions.

Mystery Reader

Our mystery reader was Miss Gail who usually reads with the year one children as a volunteer. She came to share the story of "Wonky Donkey". The children laughed at the funny parts and joined in with the "Hew Haw". Many thanks again for your time!



Super stars

Well done to Gabriel and Owain who are our stars of the week.

Keep up the great work!



Well done to Harriet and Imogen who are the VIP's this week. Super manners!

Have a great weekend,

Mrs Rogers, Mrs Cheadle, Mrs Thompson,
Miss Lewington and Mrs Brooker ☺