



17th May 2019

Excalibur Primary School

Term: Summer 1 Week: Four

Reception Class Newsletter



We have begun our "Down on the Farm" theme this week and the children have found out about animal babies. They talked about the adults and noticed how they were the same or different from their babies. We have also been learning some new farm songs (which I am sure you will hear very soon!)



In literacy, our focus story was "What the Ladybird Heard". The children discussed the robbers and how they tried to steal the prize cow. We talked about the instructions the robbers had used and how the animals had managed to trick them. Some children recorded instructions to help the animals trick the robbers. Some children recorded clear sentences about the story. All of the children created a labelled map to show the layout of the farm. The children have been finding out about real ladybirds and how they grow. They were surprised by how the larvae were so different from the adult ladybirds.

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, the 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 continued to explore subtraction using rhymes, practical apparatus and a number line. Some children have recorded more formally in number sentences.

Mystery Reader

Maggie was excited to have her Dad be our mystery reader. The children loved hearing the story of "Chocolate Cake" by Michael Rosen. It was very funny! *Many thanks for your time.*



Super stars

Well done to Daniel and Zak who are our stars of the week.

Fantastic effort!



Our VIP's for lunch today were Teal and Charlie. Super manners!

Sports Week

Monday 20th to Friday 24th May

We have a wide variety of activities to experience next week. These will include yoga, dance, soft archery, circus skills and Scoot fit. It promises to be a most exciting week. We just hope that the weather is kind!

Remember that the children will need to come to school wearing their PE kit and trainers. Tracksuits may also be needed if the weather is cooler. They will need a waterproof jacket as we will endeavour to continue if we have light rain. Sun cream should be applied before school. Sun hats will also be needed. On Friday, children will need to wear a T-shirt in their house colour. Parents/carers are invited to watch the Sport's Day events at 9.30am (weather permitting)

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Rogers, Mrs Cheadle,

Mrs Thompson, Mrs Brooker and Mrs Woodcock

