



13th September 2019

Excalibur Primary School

Term: Autumn 1 Week: Two

Reception Class Newsletter

It has been another busy week in Reception. The children have been exploring the outside resources and have been learning to work as part of a team. They have enjoyed using the large construction objects to create roadways, ramps and balance beams.

We have continued our number songs and days of the week. The children enjoyed counting with the songs "Let's Count to 10" and '10 Little Numbers' as well as "5 Little Speckled Frogs". We learnt a big maths word this week too, 'subitising', this means we can recall the number rolled on a die without counting the spots.

The children have been trying hard to create a line drawing of themselves to go on our 'Marvellous Me' display in the classroom. These drawings will be added to as the year goes on. We have also made a class book entitled 'My Family' which is full of drawings of our families.

We listened to the story of 'Giraffe's Can't Dance' and sang along to Mr Tumble's 'Shining Stars' song. Then thought about the different things that we were shining stars at. The children were very good at listening to their friends and patiently waiting for their turn to speak.

Settling in ...

Everyone is doing really well. Starting school is a major change in a child's life. Some children are quicker to settle, others need more time. Any children who have been upset at drop off have all settled very quickly

So, with this in mind, we are asking that the week commencing Monday 23rd you say goodbye to your child at the little blue gate and let them come in by themselves. We will be talking to the children about this next week but we also wanted to prepare you for what is coming too!

A seemingly strange request...

We would love for your children to have access to petals, leaves and stems to add to their mixtures in the mud kitchen/potions lab. If you are gardening or dead heading your flower bed or getting rid of any flowers in the house, they would be gratefully received.

Many thanks for your anticipated support.

Passwords

There are lots of passwords in the front of your child's planner. In Reception we only use Purple Mash. The other passwords will be needed as your child moves up through the school.

Super stars

Congratulations to George O and Riley who are our first stars of the week. Keep up the hard work!



*Have a lovely weekend,
Mrs Rogers, Mrs Bailey
and Mrs Thompson*

Outdoor play

The children are able to use the school field at lunch times to have the space for a good run or to explore the bug hotel and woodland areas. Wellington boots are needed to access these areas as it can be very muddy. If you haven't already please can you send in a pair of named wellington boots to store on our class welly trolley. Many thanks for those already in school.

