

10th January 2020

Excalibur Primary School

Term: Spring 1 Week: one

Reception Class Newsletter

A warm welcome back to the start of an exciting new year. We are looking forward to the term ahead and have many engaging learning opportunities planned for the children. We hope you all had a fantastic Christmas break. Thank you all so much for your kind messages, cards and gifts. It was very much appreciated!

The children sound like they have all had fun over the Christmas break. Thank you for the fantastic holiday homework. We have loved finding out what you did and how you celebrated. If you didn't manage to send it in this week, we would be delighted if your child did it next week instead.



Our focus text, this week, has been "The Gruffalo's Child". The children have loved the chance to explore the story through drama and movement. We have drawn story maps and explored the language in the story. The children have taken it in turns to 'hotseat', taking on the role of either the mouse or the Gruffalo's Child and asking and answering questions. The highlight of our week was, of course, going to see the story brought to life on the stage.



In maths, we have counted forwards and backwards to given numbers. We have talked about measuring and made special 'Gruffalo's Child' rulers. We have been focusing on 'longer than' and 'shorter than' as well as measuring how many Gruffalo's long objects were.

A few requests for next week

We will be making binoculars to go bear spotting with. Please send in any cardboard tubes. (Not toilet roll tubes. Kitchen or wrapping paper tubes are perfect)

Show and Tell - an item of your child's choosing.

We are going to make a large 'Gruffalo's Child' inspired by the costume we saw at the theatre. We are looking for donations of brown/beige fabric that we can cut up. It could be an old towel or t-shirt.

Upcoming dates

15th January - Bring a Bear Day (details below)

25th March - Reception Class assembly (details to follow)

"Bring a Bear" Day

The Reception children are invited to bring their favourite bear to school on **Wednesday 15th January** for some "beary" special activities. We will go for a real bear hunt around the school grounds. We will also make honey or jam sandwiches to share with our bears during snack time. *Please come and ask if you have any questions!*



Super stars

Well done to Mikey and Harry who are our stars of the week. Keep it up!



Well done to Scarlett and George J who are the VIP's this week. Super manners!

Have a great weekend and we'll see you all on Monday,

Mrs Rogers, Mrs Bailey and Mrs Thompson

Mystery Reader

Thank you to Elsa's Mum who was our wonderful mystery reader this week. She read 'Dinosaur's Don't Draw' and 'Boogie Bear'.

