

24th January 2020

Excalibur Primary School

Term: Spring 1 Week: three

Reception Class Newsletter

We have concluded our activities based around the story "We're Going on a Bear Hunt". Thank you for all your fantastic home learning and thank you for sending it in for us to share. The children have been using bear facts to write their own 'Facts about Bears' mini books. Some children have chosen to use the 'Make and Do' resources to make a vehicle for their mini-me to go bear spotting in, which links with our next mini topic which is transport.

We have used Purple Mash to create bear hunt maps and we worked in groups to compose and perform our own bear hunt stories, exploring changing the language of the story e.g. swirling snowstorm became shivering snowstorm.

In maths, we have concluded our measuring work, using a simple ruler we had previously made, to work out how many Gruffalos different objects measured around the classroom. We have also focused on ordering numbers and counting.



Friday was all about Chinese New Year as we enjoyed tasting some Chinese food, making lucky money bags and finding out how and why Chinese New Year is celebrated. This year it is the year of the rat.

Show and Tell- Next week we are asking that your child brings in an item from another country (including Scotland, Wales and Ireland). It could be a holiday souvenir, postcard, picture or even an item of food e.g. a banana. It could be the actual object or could be drawn on paper. We will then be looking on a map to see where that country is. Could we ask that you either tell us or write down the country if it isn't obvious?

Super stars

Well done to our two stars this week:
Sophia and Lucie



Our super polite VIP's this week are
Betsy, Gracie and Theo.

Mystery Reader

This week we were very lucky as we had not one but two mystery readers. Emily F's dad and Henry's mum came to read to us on Thursday and Friday respectively



Make and Do - We urgently need items for this area of the classroom. These could be any cardboard boxes, tubes, plastic lids, foil tops, clean pie cases, and plastic pots etc. We are unable to use toilet roll tubes or medicine packets. Many thanks.

Have a great weekend,

Mrs Rogers, Mrs Griffin and Mrs Thompson

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