



31<sup>st</sup> January 2020

Excalibur Primary School

Term: Spring 1 Week: four

## Reception Class Newsletter

We have begun our "Terrific Transport" mini topic this week. We have talked about vehicles which travel over land, on water and in the air. We have generated lots of questions about vehicles that will shape our learning over the next few weeks, such as; "how does a rocket go into outer space?" or 'how do things go really fast?' We have used the story 'The Train Ride' by June Crebbin to start our learning and have enjoyed exploring the rhyme and rhythm of the story as well as some of the vocabulary.

In Read Write Inc, we have looked closely at friendly letters working together to make just one sound. Many sounds have been recapped and we will soon be checking individual progress to make sure that all needs are being catered for. Please continue to reinforce at home through reading activities and the set 1 sounds books we sent home last week.

In maths, we continued to count in ones, twos, tens and fives. We explored positional language and had fun putting ourselves on, behind, under, beside, next to, underneath and on top of things! We talked about number 5 and found pairs of numbers that add together to make 5. We also looked at shapes and introduced pentagons. See if you can spot any at home!

**Show and Tell** Thank you for the amazing selection of items from around the world. The children have enjoyed watching as we travelled across the world using Google Earth and then located the country on a globe. Next week we would like it if your child could bring in something related to transport or journeys such as a toy vehicle, a picture they have drawn or printed of a type of transport or a ticket from a journey that has been made.

### Junk box modelling

The children will be making their own 3D model boats. They will each need a **small**, plastic tray/container. Please send these into school next week. For health and safety reasons, we cannot accept any packaging which has contained meat products.

Many thanks in anticipation of your support☺

### Super stars

Well done to Dexter and Emily F who are our stars of the week.  
Keep it up!



Well done to Theo and George O who are our VIP's this week. Fantastic!

**Home learning** -There is a sheet of home learning challenges based around 'The Train Ride' story in your child's bag today. Don't forget to check the website for activities that support our phonics and maths learning too.

### Wow Moments

Please keep sending them in. We love sharing them. We would particularly love to receive any wow moments at the moment about reading, especially if your child has begun to read things such as signs in shops or around the home.

*Enjoy the weekend,  
Mrs Rogers, Mrs Griffin and Mrs Thompson*

