

13<sup>th</sup> March 2020

Excalibur Primary School

Term: Spring 2 Week: three

## Reception Class Newsletter



Most of our learning this week has been linking our traditional tales learning and science week. Each day this week, we have undertaken different science or STEM activities and experiments.

On Monday, the children were challenged to choose materials to protect Humpty Dumpty from cracking when he fell off the wall. On Tuesday, we conducted two different gingerbread man experiments where we observed what happened when he was left in water and the effect of different liquids on gingerbread biscuits.

On Wednesday, we built and tested bridges and rafts to help the Billy Goats cross the river and on Thursday, we used bread from the Little Red Hen to set up a very topical handwashing experiment using the bread. Today, we linked with Jack and the Beanstalk, setting up a bean growing investigation.

In all activities, children have been developing their scientific vocabulary, observation skills and their understanding of fair testing. There was also the opportunity to develop collaborative learning as the children worked in small groups for some of the activities. Whilst, in other activities, they could choose whether to work independently or with a partner. Next week, we will be building and testing houses for the Three Little Pigs.

### Next week

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

**Please could you send in a medium sized cereal box? Please could you send them in for Monday if you can? Many thanks.**

We have had a few items of uniform go astray. Please could you check that your child's clothes are named and check that your child is wearing their own clothes too? Sometimes things do get swapped!

### Super stars

Well done and congratulations to our two stars Elsa and Kieran.



Our super polite lunchtime VIP's this week are Symphony and Betsy.

### Mystery Reader

Thank you to Scarlett's Dad who volunteered to be our mystery reader today.



*Have a lovely weekend,*

*Mrs Rogers, Mrs Griffin and Mrs Thompson*