



2<sup>nd</sup> October 2020

Excalibur Primary School

Term: Autumn 1 Week: Five

## Reception Class Newsletter

Another busy week has flown by in Reception. Some of our time has been taken up talking about Harvest and learning a special harvest song. We also talked about yesterday's Chinese 'Mid-Autumn' or 'Harvest Moon' Festival which is celebrated by one of our families. We have been drawing and talking about our families and after listening to a story about 'Stan and his Gran', we talked about our grandmas/nannies/nanas/grans and what we like to do together.



We have been counting forwards and backwards and comparing different quantities as we thought about 'who has more?' We used 5 frames to help us check. A picture has been posted on SeeSaw so you can see what they are and how we used them. We have been busy sorting and weighing objects such as conkers.



**F-r-e-d** As you will have seen from SeeSaw we introduced the children to 'Fred' our phonics frog and to our first three sounds in the Read Write Inc. phonics programme; m, a and s. Although we have shown you the handwriting rhymes, please don't worry if your child has no interest in writing these, especially with a pencil. Some children are more ready than others. There are lots of fun ways to have a go without the use of a pencil such as using shaving foam or gloop (cornflour and water), water and paintbrushes on a wall or the ground, bath chalks or pavement chalks, using a lightsabre or magic wand to make the formations in the air or using a drawing programme on an I-pad or tablet.

### Swapping books

We endeavour to ensure your child changes their picture book each Monday, Wednesday and Friday but occasionally some children don't choose one. If this happens please let us know so we can ensure they choose one next time. Many thanks.



## Super stars



Well done to Harry and Ruby our stars for this week.



Well done to all our Reception. They are all doing brilliantly and it is always a difficult decision for us to choose just two each week.

*Have a lovely weekend,*

*Mrs Rogers, Mrs Griffin and Mrs Thompson*



### Autumn - Meerlake Way Walk

Over the next few weeks we will be thinking about autumn. If you are out and about over the weekend and are able to collect any autumn items such as conkers, acorns, sticks and leaves we would love you to bring them in so we can use them. Around this time of year we usually invite you to join us on a walk along Meerlake way. We always walk as far as the old bridge, climb up to the top to see the view and then walk back to school, spotting the fairy door as we go. It's a great walk for collecting 'autumn treasures' that we can then use in school. If you are able to find time, in the coming weeks, to complete the walk as a family we would welcome any 'treasures' that you collect and any pictures can be posted on SeeSaw.

