




23rd October 2020


Excalibur Primary School


Term: Autumn 1 Week: Eight

Reception Class Newsletter

Our final week of the half term has been just as busy as the rest. We hope everyone has a lovely half term holiday and the children have a well-deserved rest. We are so proud of the way the children have settled into our school. They are all superstars!

 Much of our learning this week has been based around pumpkins and the book 'Pumpkin Soup'. We found out a little about bagpipe and banjo playing as this is mentioned in the story. As you will have seen via SeeSaw on Tuesday we enjoyed making some delicious pumpkin soup. Each group had a part to play from chopping, mixing and stirring to making the crusty bread to dip in. We then enjoyed eating the bread and soup for afternoon snack. Mrs Thompson used some of the leftover pumpkin to make some scrummy pumpkin and chocolate chip biscuits which we had as part of our afternoon snack on Wednesday. We investigated how far the pumpkins would roll and if the biggest pumpkin would roll the furthest. We looked at the inside of the pumpkins and their life cycles and we even used pumpkins to help develop our fine motor skills as we hammered golf tees into them and decorated them with chalk and autumn leaves.

 In RWInc, we have looked closely at the sound and formation of o, c and k. We have continued to work hard blending the sounds to read a mixture of real and nonsense words.

 We have also been busy with lots of autumn work too. We have been, painting and printing! We even had a special autumn jelly to explore which was very messy but lots of fun! We have enjoyed exploring signs of autumn around school and today we made autumn crowns with our finds.



Super stars



Congratulations to Jessica and Finley who are our stars of the week. Keep up the hard work!



Don't forget: INSET day Monday 2nd - school closed

Our new time after half term is 9.05 am until 3.00 pm.

School uniform needs to be worn every day with PE kit in a PE bag to be kept on pegs.

Mystery Reader

Around this time of year we usually invite parents, grandparents or other family members into school to be a mystery reader. Each Wednesday afternoon we would have a surprise guest to read the story at the end of the day. Sadly it is not possible to do this at present. However last year's Reception class towards the end of the term, filmed stories at home in secret and emailed into school for us to show the children. If any of you would be brave/kind enough to do this it would be AMAZING! All we would ask is that you try and have the book facing the front so the children can see the pictures as you read.

Have a great half term break,

Mrs Rogers, Mrs Griffin and Mrs Thompson

