



27th November 2020

Excalibur Primary School

Term: Autumn 2 Week: four

Reception Class Newsletter



We have begun to share the story of Christmas, which the children performed 'helicopter story' style, and to learn the songs we will be singing during our nativity. One of the songs we will sing is the classic 'It was on a Starry Night', it would be fantastic if you could let your child listen to it at home so they can start to learn the words. This is the version we have been using <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HeRrAZapOQo>. We are so excited to show you what we are doing. We hope that you enjoy it. It's obviously very different to the way we would usually perform for you.

As you saw on Seesaw we had another extra PE session this week which the children really enjoyed. We have been fine tuning our underarm throwing skills and continuing our field runs.



We have continued to learn the set one sounds during Read Write Inc. Our new sounds this week are r, j and v. Some of the children are becoming increasingly secure with CVC words e.g. cat. Other children are only able to say the CVC word when an adult segments it for them. Reading skills take time to develop and children often suddenly have a spurt when it all begins to make sense. Everyone is doing really well and we are so proud of them. Thank you for everything you are doing at home too.



We have been putting the finishing touches to our Christmas tree decorations. We were due to have a tree in the annual Wesley place Christmas Tree Festival. It does however mean that we get to have our tree up a little earlier at school and that the children will be able to help to decorate it too as they can't when it is down at the church.



'Stanley's Stick' and 'It's Not a Stick' provided a stimulus for some of our learning this week. Sticks are just so wonderfully versatile! (A bit like beanbags.) We will be using Julia Donaldson's 'Stick Man' next week as the 'fantastick' stick theme continues!

Wow moments

Thank you for all those that have been sent via Seesaw so far. We are enjoying sharing them.

Please keep sending them in!

Mystery Reader

Don't forget we would love you to record yourself reading a story and email it to us for our mystery reader slot.

It can be any family member!



PE Bags

The PE bags made it home this week for washing! Please check the items inside belong to your child. We do our very best to ensure that everyone has their own things but it is really difficult when things are not named! A gentle reminder to check items are named!

Have a great weekend,

Mrs Rogers, Mrs Griffin and Mrs Thompson ☺

Super stars

Well done to Tom and Kyle who are our stars of the week.

Keep up the great work!



Sitting on our VIP table on Monday will be ... Callum, Katy, Esme and Scarlett