

8<sup>th</sup> January 2021

Excalibur Primary School

Term: Spring 1 Week: one

## Reception Class Newsletter

A warm welcome back to the start of a very different but exciting new year. We are looking forward to the term whatever the challenges that are ahead of us. We hope you all had a fantastic Christmas break. Thank you all so much for your kind messages, cards and gifts. It was very much appreciated!

Although we were only altogether for one day, the children sounded like they have all had fun over the Christmas break. There might not have been the celebrations you usually have but it's still a very special time. Thank you for the fantastic holiday homework. We have loved finding out what you did and how you celebrated. If you didn't manage to send it in this week, please keep it safe as we would love to see it when school opens again.

Our learning for the next few weeks will be based around winter and winter stories. This week we have looked at 'One Snowy Day', 'One Snowy Night' and 'Lost and Found'. Penguins always get a great response whenever we learn about them! We began our week looking at 'One Snowy Day' and you shared your snow experiences and we even got to play in the snow at school on Monday. On Tuesday we investigated why the ice had melted in Peter's pocket and you set up your own melting ice experiments at home. After listening to 'One Snowy Night' you responded to the story and drew and made lists of the animals, then you thought about which animal you would like to be and why. After listening to 'Lost and Found', you have been drawing and labelling penguins, finding them using Google Earth and starting to find out facts about them. You have also dough discoed, explored number 5 through our 'Alive-in-five!' maths topic and kept up with your phonics and reading in Read Write Inc.

We will have more live lessons next week. Look out for them in your Teams calendar and we will of course notify you on Seesaw.

### Home learning

We have loved seeing what you have been doing and the responses to the activities that we have set. We appreciate that younger children will need help from you to access and complete their tasks. Tricky when you may have other children and are juggling other things too. If you have any questions or concerns please get in touch. We are in this together. After doing the first Teams meetings we need to make some tweaks. These are all things that are new to us, we are learning as we go too!

### Super stars

Well done to Jessica and Jack who are our stars of the week.



We would like to say that we could have chosen the whole class this week for so many different reasons.

### Packs for Home

We are putting together a pack containing a whiteboard and pen, some reading books and a blank exercise book for your child to work in. We will let you know when these can be collected from outside school. We are hoping to have them ready for the start of next week.

### Mystery Reader

Thank you to Katie's Mum who kindly submitted a story. It has been shared in school this week and once we return it will be shown to the whole class.



*Thanks for your amazing support,*

*Mrs Rogers, Mrs Bailey and Mrs Thompson*