



6<sup>th</sup> October 2017

Excalibur Primary School

Term: Autumn 1 Week: Five

## Reception Class Newsletter

The Reception children have been working hard to learn our Harvest songs and we have had lots of practice. They have been very sensible and have been to the hall with the rest of the infants to rehearse.



The children have enjoyed finding out about our skeletons this week. We have looked closely at different x-rays to see what the bones look like under our skin. The children were particularly interested to hear about their rib cage and how it protects their lungs. We have shared the story of "Funny Bones" and had other skeleton adventures. The children enjoyed dancing and singing to various versions of "Them Bones". They have also used art straws and chalk to create their own skeleton collage. We even had a visit from the school skeleton.



This week, we have introduced our "funky fingers" routine. This includes a daily warm up and access to a carousel of fine motor skill activities. These activities are changed each week but include things like dough disco, threading nuts and bolts, twisting pipe cleaners etc.



In maths, we have been busy counting different objects to find how many. The children have been feeding teddy the given amount of sweets on the interactive board. They have also enjoyed finding the totals of our lunch time voting board. We talked about which meal was the most or least popular.

In Read, Write Inc. this week, we have focused on establishing the routine of the sessions. This is to ensure the phonics lesson have good pace, are exciting and that all the children are actively taking part. The children are being introduced to the various celebration claps and the different signals such as "My turn, your turn".



### Harvest Time

*We hope that you were able to attend the Harvest assembly and enjoyed the performance. It is always interesting to see how the Reception children react to their first performance. Some children can get quite emotional when they see their loved ones sitting in the audience. Others relish the opportunity to show off their singing skills.*

### ★ Super stars ★

We didn't have our stars assembly today due to the Harvest celebration. Everyone in Reception has been a star at settling into a new school.



Well done everyone!

We hope you have a lovely weekend 😊,

Mrs Rogers, Mrs Cheadle, Mrs Thompson and Miss Lewington

### Remember



We hope that you will be able to join your child for lunch on **Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> October**. Remember another family member is welcome if you can't make it. Book your place for lunch by the end of today to avoid disappointment.



Remember to give consent for your child to come for our Welly Walk ASAP. The walk takes place on **Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October**. If you would like to volunteer to help just let a member of the team know. The more the merrier!

