



6th December 2024

Excalibur Primary School

Term: Autumn 2 Week: Five

Reception Class Newsletter



Christmas is on its way! This week our story was the beautifully illustrated 'The Christmas Pine' by Julia Donaldson. It tells the story of an annual tradition which dates back to 1947. Each year the Mayor of Oslo sends a Christmas tree from Norway to the UK to say thank you for the support given by the UK to Norway in World War 2. You can find out more about the tradition here.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/articles/cpvh2zvYZ1jo#:~:text=It%20came%20from%20a%20forest,the%20conservation%20of%20the%20forest.>

Our special vocabulary this week was ancient, iridescent, soaring, remote, journeyed, gape, warble and absent.

This week also saw the arrival of 2 very special visitors. Pip and Pat are our 2 kindness elves and they will be spending time with us in the run up to Christmas. Our first challenge was to make them some beds and somewhere comfortable to stay.

A huge thank you to Ernie's Dad and his colleagues from Crewe fire station who came to see us on Monday. Despite the awful weather the children were very excited by the visit. If any of our other parents or family members have roles supporting our local community then we would love to welcome you into school to find out more about your role.

Stickman

In preparation for our visit to the theatre our leaning next week will be based around Stickman. We will also begin preparing children for the trip as we know what a daunting experience that can seem for some children.



Super stars



Congratulations to our stars...

Collette and Jack



Mystery Readers

Thanks to Emmie's Mum and Jack's Dad who came to read to us this week.



We have continued to practice our songs and actions and have looked at the costumes we are going to wear. We have also spent some time understanding the Christmas story too. The children are very excited to show you what they have been doing. We know that going in the hall and performing on a stage in front of their grown-ups can be daunting for lots of children. If your little one becomes upset during the performance, please know that they have really enjoyed singing the songs and taking on their part, they just might become too overwhelmed on the day.

12th December - 10 am EYFS Nativity

17th December – EYFS party day

19th December – Reception and Year 1 trip to see 'Stickman'.

20th December – Last Day

6th January – Term starts

Have a lovely weekend, from the EYFS team

