

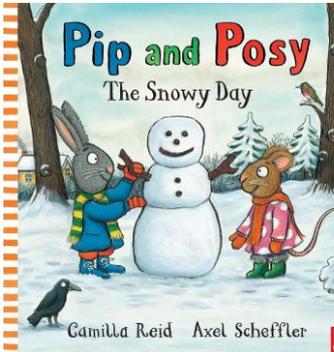


## Excalibur Primary School

27<sup>th</sup> January 2025

### Pre-school Weekly Newsletter

Term: Spring one Week: four



This week, our main story has been 'Pip and Posy - The Snowy Day'. The children enjoyed talking about their snowy experiences. We sang our winter song 'Marching in the snow' and added actions.

During the week, we found out about Lunar New Year and that it is the year of the snake. We learned a new Chinese dragon song to sing and dance to. The children watched Abby and her family prepare for the celebrations and watched a special parade. Later, they heard the story of the race between the twelve zodiac animals. In creative activities, the children decorated Chinese lanterns, painted Chinese dragons and created paper chain snakes.

This week, we also continued our 'Wiggle into Squiggle' activities (which support pre-writing skills). This week's movement was making 'circles'. We all had fun dancing scarecrow circles to the song 'I am a circle' with our flipper flappers!

### Number Time



This week, we have continued to explore number 4. We have been thinking about the 'fourness of four' and how the quantity can be split into smaller groups. For example, 1 and 3 but altogether 4. This helps the children to understand early addition and to begin to use mathematical language such as 'altogether makes', 'groups', 'equals', 'total' and 'add'.

The children enjoyed sharing our weekly rhyme '4 Little Teddy Bears'. We have also explored 'Anno's Counting Book'.

### Junk box modelling



The children have been enjoying cutting, shaping and creating so much over the last few weeks. We would like to give them the chance to make some 3D models. Please save and send in small boxes, kitchen rolls (no toilet rolls due to health and safety), clean yogurt pots and bottle tops. These open ended resources will help let their imagination go

Pre-school have received a link, from the Department of Education, to share with parents with advice over toilet training. Please share with any parents who are about to cross this bridge <https://help-for-early-years-providers.education.gov.uk/health-and-wellbeing/toilet-training>

Have a great weekend!

The Pre-school Team



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