



26th September 2025

Excalibur Primary School

Term: Autumn 1 Week: Four

Reception Class Newsletter

This week we have talked about our families and how they are the same and different. The children loved sharing the family 'selfie' photos with their friends. We talked about the different things we like to do with our families and the children drew their families. It's not too late to upload a photo if you haven't already done so. When you upload things to see Seesaw it is set up so that only the class teachers can see what you upload. However, if you reply to a post where multiple children are tagged, anyone in that post will see your reply.

It's Autumn!

This week we have also been talking about autumn and spotting signs that it is here. If you are out and about over the weekend, we would love it if you were able to upload a photo onto Seesaw of something you have spotted e.g. a horse chestnut tree with conkers, leaves falling from the trees or ripe blackberries. There is a folder called 'Autumn Finds Photos' for you to pop the photos into when uploading. We can't wait to see what you can spot.

New Guidance for under 5's

At the start of September new statutory nutrition guidance came into force for under 5's **Please can we ask if you are sending your child with grapes that they are cut up length ways?** Page 16 of the guidance says **"Provide children with access to water throughout the day. • Provide only fresh tap water and plain milk to drink. • Provide whole milk, semi-skimmed cow's milk or unsweetened calcium fortified non-dairy alternatives for children from 1 year of age."**

Children have access to chilled filtered water throughout the day and can refill their water bottles, or use a cup, as often as needed. They also are offered milk during the afternoon. Please can we encourage you not to send squash or flavoured water, unless flavoured with fresh fruit, in your child's regular water bottle?

RWI

This week we added the sounds i, n, p, g and o to the sounds we learnt last week. Please try and find time to watch the videos on Seesaw with your child. Don't worry if your child is not quite remembering them all yet. There is lots of repetition built into the programme and they will get them. Look in the RWI folder on Seesaw to quickly find any RWI related videos.



Super stars



Congratulations to our stars...

Scarlett and Léo



Maths learning in Reception

Like the rest of the school we follow the White Rose maths scheme. In reception it is very practical and play based and focuses on helping children to develop their early number sense. Whilst what we do might seem basic, it is crucial that children develop this number sense now as it can lead to gaps in their learning later on. Please watch the 10 minute video on Seesaw explaining more. Even if you have seen it before, it is worth watching again.

Hot snacks

We are looking to introduce these **after half term**. We will send more out about this in the coming weeks.

Have a lovely weekend, from the EYFS team

