

Reception Class Weekly Newsletter – 16th January 2015

WE'RE GOING ON A BEAR HUNT

I must begin with telling you how fantastic our trip to the Lowry Theatre was. We had such an amazing experience

and even though the children had the weekend before we could really talk about their experience; their enthusiasm and excitement was just as fresh as it was when the play finished. I had one eye on the stage and one eye on the children so I could watch their faces and see their reactions. My favourite moment was seeing their faces when the snow came down from the ceiling, it even felt cold and melted as it fell on us! The children behaved beautifully and we were so very proud of them all. Thank you to Friends of Excalibur for subsidising such an experience and providing the opportunity for us to go.



We have been very busy this week building on our theatre trip. We have done so much, the highlights include some fantastic small world play, writing, drawing, painting, map making, bear hunts, drama, maths, dancing, speaking and listening and prop making. Phew! I don't think we are finished yet!

Thank you to Isla's Mum who was our mystery reader this week. She read a beautiful pop-up version of 'The Hungry Caterpillar' and a real favourite 'Room on the Broom'.



We have noticed that some children have had some new uniform or PE kit and it is not named. Please can you check that you have named clothes and if you have named them, it is a good idea to check that the name is still visible. Occasionally children leave their PE t-shirt on under their uniform when they are getting changed and despite our best efforts to check sometimes t-shirts do go home and then they don't have one for next time.

As I have mentioned many times children progress at different rates and learning to read is one of the best examples of this. Some children shoot off and then slow down whilst others take longer to begin with but then they are off! It is normal therefore, for me to move the children round in their reading groups. Next week your child may read on a different day as I do this. There is no significance attached to the day your child reads so please do not worry if they suddenly read earlier in later in the week. We do have a few sets of reading books with 1 or 2 copies missing. Please could you return group reading books on the day your

child reads with me or as soon after as possible as the sets can't be used by other groups until you do. Sorry to ask again!

The children have been so excited to start on their Read Write Inc. set 2 sounds. This week we have introduced ay, ee, igh and ow, as in blow. Please don't worry if your child can't remember them yet, we have only just started them and everyone learns at their own rate. There reinforcement is a key part of the lessons.

Congratulations to Ellie and Zac, last weeks stars of the week and to this weeks stars x and x. Also congratulations to William and Calum who sat on the VIP table to eat their lunch today.



On TUESDAY next week your child needs to bring a teddy bear to school for some special activities. It is important that it is a teddy bear and not just a soft toy.

Many thanks,

Mrs Rogers, Mrs Newbould and Miss Harding