



16th September 2022

Excalibur Primary School

Term: Autumn 1 Week: Two

Reception Class Newsletter

Wow we have done our first full week and what a busy week it was! Thank you so much for helping things to run seamlessly.

We had our first PE sessions in the hall which everyone seemed to really enjoy. We had lots of space to enjoy our 'Shake' song. We tried to keep in a space as we travelled around the room. Back in the classroom we have continued to sing our counting songs '10 Little Numbers' and 'Let's count to 10' both of which can be found on YouTube. We have also been counting forwards and backwards to 10. We have been trying to hold up the right number of fingers to correspond to the numbers in the song. The children have continued to explore the environment and the resources that we have, as well as making and developing new friendships.

The children have loved exploring the field area. We really are lucky to have so much space to explore. Today the children were collecting autumn treasures to use back in the Classroom.

Stars Assembly

Today the children went into our special Friday stars assembly. Each week two stars are chosen from each class. (It is never an easy choice). Your child will get a star badge to wear for the week and a certificate they can keep with the reason they have been chosen. Star badges should be returned to us the following week. Your child also gets 'afternoon tea' with Mrs Jones and the other star winners for that week. When there are 30 children in the class and we only have 2 stars a week it takes 15 weeks to get through the whole class! We know it's hard when your child isn't picked. Just because we haven't chosen them doesn't mean they aren't amazing. Star badges are in the colour of your child's house team. I will let you know on Seesaw next week which team your child is in. We have three teams; Arthur (yellow), Merlin (green) and Camelot (red). Please don't confuse these with our reception colour groups. House teams remain the same throughout your child's time at Excalibur. Siblings are in the same team. When it's sports day your child can wear a t-shirt the colour of their house team. Throughout the week children collect team points which are collected centrally at the end of the week. At the end of each half term the team with the most points win a non-uniform day. Team points are earned for lots of different reasons e.g. good manners, teamwork, attitude to learning, kindness, holding a door open.

Super stars

Congratulations to Max and Lucy

Our first superstars



Helicopter Stories

As I mentioned on Seesaw we had our first Helicopter Story session this week. At its most basic, Helicopter Stories involves scribing stories from children and supporting them to act out their narratives. Story is an unparalleled tool that children use instinctively, and a story-rich diet makes for well-rounded, empathetic individuals. A language-rich setting, supported by story and poetry enhances speaking and language skills and creates an increased eagerness to write, all while centring the child.

*Have a lovely weekend,
Mrs Rogers, Mrs Bailey, Mrs Thompson
and Mrs Bebbington*

