



28<sup>th</sup> November 2025

Excalibur Primary School

Term: Autumn 2 Week: Four

## Reception Class Newsletter



Each day this week we have shared the fabulous story, 'Not a Stick'. Using just a little imagination a stick can be anything! Our special vocabulary for the week has been; wooden, fantastic, unexpected, entertain, lifeless, imaginative, limitless. Can you put these words into a sentence? How many words can you get into the same sentence? We looked at bird's nests and then worked as a group to build a nest. The challenge was to see how many eggs our nests could hold. 12 was the record! We also worked with a friend to make a home for an animal using our make and do resources and continued to explore light and dark, the water cycle and the changing seasons.

We have begun to learn the songs for our Nativity and to understand the story of Christmas. Next week we will start to think about how we different families celebrate Christmas and continue to learn our special songs. We will also think about how we prepare for the arrival of a baby.

### Maths

This week we have been investigating the composition of 4 and 5. We have been using our super subitising skills to help us spot the smaller parts to make the whole number e.g. 3 and 1 and 1 makes 5 or 1,1,1 and 2 makes 5. We also had a try at recording this in a number sentence using the plus and equals sign. Whilst this is not the expectation for reception, some of the children were ready to try this challenge.



## Super stars



Congratulations to our stars...

**Aurora and Faye**



### Mystery Readers

Thanks to Sidney's Dad and Jacob P's Mum who are our wonderful mystery readers for this week. We are full now up to Christmas but we are delighted to be taking bookings for the New Year.



Further information about this will be sent out early next week.

We have some very young children in our Class and standing on a stage in front of an audience might be very overwhelming for some of them. We are encouraging them to do the best that they can!

We all love this time of year in school and want everyone to have an enjoyable nativity experience.

### Dates Ahead:

**10<sup>th</sup> December** – Christmas Dinner

**11<sup>th</sup> December** – Christmas jumper Day

**11<sup>th</sup> December** - 10 am EYFS Nativity (letter sent out this week)

**16<sup>th</sup> December** – EYFS party day

**19<sup>th</sup> December** – Finish for Christmas

**5<sup>th</sup> January** – Term starts

*Have a lovely weekend, from the EYFS team*

