

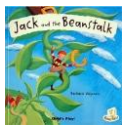
17th April 2026

Excalibur Primary School

Term: Summer 1 Week: One

Reception Class Newsletter

Welcome back. We hope you had a wonderful Easter. We are very excited (and a little bit sad) for our last term in reception. It's going to be an amazing one! The weather is quite changeable at the moment, so don't forget to still send your child with a coat each day.



This week we have listened to different versions of the traditional tale 'Jack and the Beanstalk'. Our favourite twist on the story was 'Jack and the Incredibly Meanstalk'. We have built the tallest Duplo beanstalks we can and used blocks and bricks to build castles, tables and chairs for the giant. We also made a beanstalk that was as tall as the Classroom. This caused much excitement!

We have begun talking about life cycles through the arrival of 5 tiny caterpillars. Next week we will be planting seeds and asking the question 'Could We Grow Food on the Moon?'.

Read Write Inc.
Phonics

Everyone has been working very hard this week in their new groups. If your child has moved colour level, their new books will be coming home on Monday. The children are assessed every few weeks to check that they are in the correct group. It's quite normal for children to move groups and to be taught by different members of staff. Sometimes children will move quickly through a colour, other times they may be in a group for longer. The aim is for children to be off the RWI programme during year 2. The expectation for the *end* of reception is green books which follow red.



Super stars



There are no stars this week

PE kits

Please could you send these into school if you haven't already done so?

Vocabulary of the week

Our words of the week this week are ginormous, chopped, sparkled, shocked, clambering, descending, booming and slinking.

Maths

We have been working hard at developing our understanding of numbers beyond 10 this week. We have used Numicon to talk about how numbers 11-19 are made up e.g. '1 ten and 4 makes 14. Some children were very confident with this so were challenged to talk about the composition of numbers made up of more than 1 ten. What teen numbers can you spot around your home or when you are out and about?

Dates Ahead:

4th May – bank holiday

7th May – INSET day

18th-22nd May – Sports Week (details nearer the time)

22nd May – Finish for half term

9th June – visit to Runway Visitor Park (details nearer the time)

Have a wonderful weekend from the EYFS team

