23rd October 2026

Excalibur Primary School

Term: Autumn 1 Week: Eight

Reception Class Newsletter



This week we have read the classic story 'Meg and Mog'. These words have supported our reading of the story; sprinkling, explosive, transformation, concoction, trudging and clamber. There have been lots of opportunities to practice and develop fine motor skills with some pumpkin and spider themed activities.

On Monday, the corridors were filled with the delicious aroma of bread and pumpkin soup as the children worked together with Mrs Jesch to make their own pumpkin soup and accompanying bread rolls. It was lovely that so many children tried the soup, so much so that we had lots of empty bowls!

Thank you to everyone who was able to join us for a first sharing afternoon on Tuesday. It was lovely to see the children proudly showing off their classroom and talking so confidently. Further sharing afternoons are planned for later in the academic year.

Spiders, pumpkins and autumn leaves have featured heavily in our provision this week.

Maths

This week we have been developing our super subitising powers by subitising small amounts. You will find out more about this at our curriculum evening. We have also been doubling and halving and talking about more and fewer using plastic bugs to help us.

Wow. We've made it! What an amazing half term we have had. Your children have been brilliant. They have settled so well and we have loved getting to know them all. We can't wait to see what they do next!

Read Write Inc. Phonics

This week we have recapped the sounds we have learnt so far and focused on y and v, as these are two of the trickier sounds to retain. Please revisit the videos on Seesaw over half term, especially the speed minute videos. We are thrilled with the progress that has been made in such a short amount of time. Thank you so much for all your support at home. There are some new videos to support reading of CVC words that have been added today.

Super stars

Congratulations to our stars...

Freya and Daisy



Reception Dates Ahead:

23rd October – Finish for half term

2nd November – INSET day, school closed

3rd November – Back to school

4th November – Individual and siblings photographs

4th November - Reception RWI/Reading/Writing and Maths information evening 5.30 pm

5th November – Disco experience for reception (in school time)

Have a lovely half term, from the EYFS team