



Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

### Certificates

8.12.22

Congratulations to Violet and Alfie who were our Stars of the Week!

Congratulations to Piper who received our Value certificate this week!

16.12.22

Congratulations to Charlie who received our Star of the Term certificate!

Congratulations to Ellis who received our Value certificate this week!

### Phonics

Last week in phonics we introduced the children to the letters th ng nk and the sounds that they make. Making the sound th is challenging and your child needs to stick their tongue out to say the loud th sound as in this, that, them, then and the quiet th sound as in moth, thumb, think, bath. It is easy to confuse the sound th with v and f if it is not said correctly and this will make spelling words such as with (wiv) and think (fink) tricky. Remember th is two letters that make two sounds - a loud and quiet th. Our new letter blend is nk. It is not a digraph or new sound just two sounds said closely together as in sink, bank, junk. We need to listen carefully to hear the difference between the digraph ng and the letter blend nk when sound talking and spelling words.

This week we introduced the children to syllables. We listened carefully to how many beats/syllables we hear in words. We have learnt to chop up longer words into parts to make it easier to read and write.

We have also introduced the children to the tricky words love and was.

### Topic

The children have really enjoyed our Christmas post office and the countdown to Christmas calendar. They have loved creating Christmas cards and pictures for each other and posting them in our class post box.

### Other news

As the playground has been covered in snow the children enjoyed archery inside for PE this week. Please take a look at photos on our class page for you to enjoy!

### Home Learning Challenge

Please recap all sounds we have taught so far and practice reading our Phase 2 tricky words.



We hope you all have a lovely Christmas and we will see you in the New Year!

Thank you for your continued support.

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We value our parents as partners. Please leave a comment or email on any aspect of your child's learning. Things they are enjoying, new learning that they may have shared with you or things that they may be finding tricky.

My child's name:

Date: