

Dear Parents and Carers,

Weekly Learning Letter Week 4

Congratulations to Neo and Elsie-Mae who received our Star of the Week certificate!

Congratulations to Ada who received our Value certificate this week!

Phonics

In phonics we have introduced the children to the digraphs qu, ch and sh, and the sounds that they make. These letters are called digraphs because they are two letters that make one sound. In such a short period of time, we have become experts at segmenting to hear sounds in words to spell them that we are now beginning to write them in words. Most importantly we have been remembering to read our writing back to see what to write next and to check that our writing makes sense.

Topic – Amazing Animals / Nativity

Through stories and non-fiction books, we have found out about the South Pole and the amazing Emperor penguins that live there. It has been fun pretending to be a male penguin, carrying an egg on our feet, tucked warmly under our tummies as we shuffle into a huddle to keep warm. We have learned where the continent of Antarctica is and that it is an island covered with snow. Did you know that Antarctica is the coldest and windiest place on Earth? As detectives, we have thought about all the ways that we can help a chick hatch out of an ice egg! Suggestions ranged from making the egg warm by rubbing it or wrapping it up, putting it in hotter water, putting it in the sun or on a radiator so it can melt the ice.



Our Nativity rehearsals are well underway; a big thank you for sending in your child's costume! The children have been working really hard to learn songs, actions and to know when and where to stand and sit throughout. This week, the Christmas story has been introduced to help us think about why Christians celebrate and perform a nativity at Christmas. It came as quite a shock that Mary and Joseph had to travel such a long way on a donkey because there were no trains, cars, buses, planes or taxis!

Home Learning Challenge

Please practice writing the letters qu ch sh and have a go at writing their own. Please continue to encourage them to hold their pencil correctly

Have a lovely weekend

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