

Dear Parents and Carers,

Weekly Learning Letter Week 5

Congratulations to Millie and Erika who received our Star of the Week certificate!

Congratulations to LADYBIDS CLASS who received our Value certificate this week!

Phonics

In phonics we have introduced the children to the letters th ng 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.

Maths

During our maths sessions we have compared squares and rectangles looking for similarities and differences. We have discovered that squares and rectangles both have 4 straight sides and 4 corners but they are different because rectangles have 2 long sides and 2 short sides whilst squares have 4 equal sides that are all the same length. Great fun was had by all as we went on a shape hunt to find these shapes in everyday objects both in the classroom and outside. Through exploration we have built our own squares and rectangles. Did you know that two squares can make a rectangle?

Topic – Amazing Animals / Nativity

How amazing were Ladybirds, Butterflies and Fireflies in the Nativity this week! The children and staff have worked so hard in putting together the Nativity for you to enjoy and we hope you enjoyed it as much as we did! A BIG thank you to you also for the costumes. It has been a team effort 😊

Next Week

On Monday afternoon we will be visited by a local author, Linda Webber to come and read her children's book called "The Cute Green Octopus and the sparkly flip flop" to the class. Linda gifted the class a copy of her book already and if you would like a copy of your own to take home, she has sent me with the following information.

The Cute Green Octopus and the sparkly flip flop!

An endearing octopus who reuses and recycles things he finds in the sea and loves shoes! He has a collection of odd ones but longs for a sparkly flip flop and is a tiny bit naughty in his efforts to get one. Can he put right what he has done? Printed in Weymouth on paper with a Woodland Carbon stamp (can be traced back to the tree it came from – sustainably sourced) produced completely in Dorset it has a small carbon footprint. First edition available by contacting info@lollieandpopsie.com Follow us on Instagram: [lollieandpopsie7](https://www.instagram.com/lollieandpopsie7). Only £8.99.

Home Learning Challenge

Please practice writing the letters th ng and have a go at writing these independently.

Have a lovely weekend

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