

Dear Parents and Carers,

### Weekly Learning Letter Week 4

Congratulations to Raffi and Jonah who received our Star of the Week certificate!

Congratulations to Syd who received our Value certificate this week!

### Phonics

In phonics we have introduced the children to the letters y z zz and the sounds that they make. We found out that when you hear z at the start of a word (zip), we use one z but when we generally hear z in the middle or at the end of a word (dazzle/fizz), we usually use the diagraph zz; two letters that make one sound.

We have continued to read our next set of tricky words; me be.

### 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 y z zz and complete the tasks on our sing it, say it, sort it sheets. Ask your child to practice writing the tricky words: no go the to l into

using their book marks.

Have a lovely weekend

Mr Matthew Taylor  
Teacher

