

Dear Parents and Carers,

### Weekly Learning Letter Week 6

Congratulations to Jack and Sophie who received our Star of the Week certificate!

Congratulations to Jax who received our Value certificate this week!

### Phonics

In phonics we have introduced the children to the digraphs qu, ch and th, 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

This week, we continued exploring our topic of *Amazing Animals*. The children spent time learning about how animals can be grouped, such as amphibians, mammals and birds. Through stories, discussion and hands-on activities, they compared features like skin, movement and habitats. This supported their understanding of the natural world and encouraged them to use new vocabulary confidently.

Next week is set to be a busy and exciting one! On **Wednesday**, we will be enjoying our Christmas lunch **and** Christmas jumper day. On **Thursday**, we are looking forward to a visit from Father Christmas, followed by our Christmas fair after school, where the children will be selling some lovely crafts they have been working on.

Our topic for the next half term is people who help us. Next week we will talk with the children to find out what they would like learn/make/do based on this theme. If you can chat about this and send me some of their ideas, we can add this too.

Have a lovely weekend

Mr Matthew Taylor

Teacher

