

Year 1



Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you had a lovely half term break and managed to get out and about despite the wet weather. It was great to welcome the children back for the second half of the Autumn term; they have all settled well back into the school routine.

English

In English this week we have started a new story, 'The Lonely Beast' by Chris Judge. The children have explored verbs by thinking about all the things the beast likes to do. We have looked in detail at a picture in the book and discussed how the beast may be feeling at that point in the story. **Talking Point: Can you remember what the beast likes to do?**

Phonics - This week we have looked at the sounds: oa, ew, wh, ph

Maths

In maths this week we have focused on the numbers 6-9. We looked at wholes and parts: if a part is 5 and the whole is 10 what will the other part be? We have finished the week by looking at 5 and 5 making 10 and how the numbers 6, 7, 8 and 9 lie on a number line.

Foundation Subjects

History: In history this week we have started our new topic - *Exciting Explorers*. We will be focusing on a new explorer each week. This week we looked at David Attenborough and found out why he was knighted twice! Who do you think we will learn about next week?

Science: In science this week we have started to classify animals according to their features. This week we focused on mammals, birds and fish. Can you remember what features a mammal, bird and fish has?

Notices & Reminders

- We continue to follow all the school's Covid-19 control measures by staying in our bubbles and keeping our classrooms well ventilated. Please could you ensure that your child is wearing sufficient layers to keep warm now that the weather has turned so much colder.
 - Please keep reading with your children at home. Once they have read their book twice we will change it - please encourage your child to remember to put their books in the box when they are ready to be changed. Thank you.
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Values Award

Cornflower: Arlo and Timothy; **Foxglove:** Elsbeth and Mathias; **Lavender:** Mariam and Sami

Diamond Work Award

Cornflower: Oliver and Antonios; **Foxglove:** William and Amber ; **Lavender:** Max and Mariana
