

Nursery

We hope you enjoyed the fabulous weather over the Bank Holiday weekend. This term is speeding by, we cannot believe we have come to the end of the third week of the summer term already! This week, as part of our topic on Amazing Animals, we started to look at wild animals. We shared the story of *The Ugly Five* by Julia Donaldson and Axel Scheffler which is set in the African savannah. We discussed what the word 'wild' means and how it's not only used to describe untamed animals, but also behaviour and weather – Lola exclaimed "My mummy told me the weather was wild." 😊 We also talked about the wild animals we know, why we might not keep them as pets and where we might see them. We were so disappointed that Jaws N Claws were unable to visit us on Thursday – please rest assured the visit will be rearranged for as soon as possible this term. All was not lost however as Miss Hawkins very kindly brought in her two Leopard Spotted Geckos. The children heard lots of fascinating facts about them, and all had the opportunity to hold and stroke them. In phonics, we are continuing our *Letterland* journey and have been introduced to two new characters – *Lucy Lamp Light* who makes an 'l' sound. In maths, we have explored the composition of the number 5 using the part-part-whole model. As the weather has warmed up the children have also been enjoying our outdoor area – playing group games, concocting recipes in the mud kitchen and mark making with chalk (amongst other things). Well done to Lola for achieving Star of the Week 😊.



Reception

I know that most of the children enjoyed the lovely bank holiday judging by the wonderful stories they have told us and I am sure you all enjoyed the weather. This week in Reception we have had a very animal packed week. We have learnt about animals from all over the world and have been particularly focussing on exotic animals. The Wonderful Miss Hawkins brought in her Leopard Spotted Geckos for the children to see as we did have some disappointing news when Jaws N Claws cancelled. All the children however still had the opportunity to hold the Geckos and learn about their habitat. In maths we have been focusing on counting to 20 and beyond, the children have been working hard to ensure that they recognise all their numbers to 20 as well as being able to spot if there are any numbers missing in the number line when given a problem to solve. In literacy we have been reading the story *Walking Through the Jungle*. The children thoroughly enjoyed this book as it further enabled us to innovate the story and change the animals to their favourite ones. Finally, in phonics we have revisited digraphs that were that we were struggling to retain, the children have done some fantastic writing and practising of these sounds and are showing signs of improvement. Well done this week Jeffers you have worked hard and congratulations to our Stars of the Week - Lauren and Hadley 😊 keep up the great work!

