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Dear families and friends of St Lawrence,

It has been another busy week here, with lots going on in every classroom! I have been very pleased to hear how well our children in Reception and Year 1 have been working in their phonics sessions - it is so wonderful to see how much their reading in particular is improving! In Year 2, they have been doing brilliantly in their maths, every time I walk past the room they are so focused and working exceptionally hard. In Little Lawrences, there have been so many fabulous activities set up this week. Further up the school, year 6 have been getting used to what the SATs papers entail, with a first try at being in the hall - we like to make sure that they are fully prepared and that nothing comes as a surprise. Well done year 6 for taking it all in your stride. Year 4 really impressed me this week, I got to spend some time with them teaching guided reading and maths - I loved the way you were supporting each other with some really tricky learning. Mrs Pugh, our brass teacher, also commented on how brilliant you were during your music lesson this week! The whole school has been working on singing and playing beautifully this week, Fiona was incredibly impressed during Thursday hymn practice with Amazing Grace! Thank you Fiona for your hard work and dedication to making us all sound so much better! After such a great week, I hope you all have an equally lovely weekend and I look forward to seeing you all on Monday.

Mrs Beth Hanna

This Week's Awards

Well done to today's Stars of the Week: **Austin (Y6), George H (Y5), Jaxon (Y4), Reina (Y3),**

Maisie (Y2), Autumn (Y1), Khloe-May (Rec) and Hattie (LLs). Special LLs awards were given to **Ned and Rosie** this morning today. Lots of children were awarded team point certificates in assembly this morning, and well done too to our raffle ticket winners! Congratulations to **Rosie, Eadie, Jack, Barney, Lyla, Jack, Emily H, Daizy, Isabelle and Iona** who have been busy at their extra-curricular activities and been given awards.



Well done, everyone!

A happy church school that nurtures the unique talents of individuals and brings them together so that 'they will soar on wings like eagles' (Isaiah 40:31)



The **Early Years** unit were excited to welcome a sheep and Loki the Gecko to the unit this week, thank you to Matt, Charlotte and Hen for bringing them to see us. We asked questions about how the animals live and explored texture. We continued our topic of animals by exploring 'Polar Regions, learning that penguins live in the South and that Polar bears have blubber which keeps them warm. The children are beginning to show an understanding of different countries. Next week we focus on Snakes as part of the Lunar New Year Celebrations.

This week, **Reception class and LL** really enjoyed meeting Loki the Gecko! Thank you so much to the Provins family for bringing him in, it gave the children a great opportunity to ask questions and to learn about such an exotic animal. The children have also written sentences about our 'sheep' visit last week. Thank you again to the Bennet-Hall family for bringing her in to visit us. In maths, our learning has been based around '5 little speckled frogs', exploring how numbers to 5 can be made. The children are really enjoying our 'Amazing Animals' topic and in their own play have created some beautiful picture books and animal skin prints.

What a busy, busy week in **Year 1!** The children have been enjoying learning about old and new toys. It was lovely to see some children bringing toys into school that belonged to their parents and grandparents when they were little! This was such a great surprise and Year 1 loved talking about how toys have changed. In our science this week, our resident expert, Clara, told us all about axolotls. We researched them and found out all sorts of amazing facts! In maths, we have been working on number lines up to 20 and the children have had some challenges to estimate what number is hidden on an empty number line! Very tricky but great fun! In phonics we have been zooming to the moon by focusing on the /oo/ digraph. What a lot of work!



This week, **Year 2** have continued with their work on The Owl and the Pussy-Cat by thinking of interview questions to ask the characters. They had great fun thinking about the answers the characters might give! We also looked at describing these characters. We finished our work on addition and subtraction and have moved onto looking at 2D shapes, with children meeting new shapes such as rhombus and

trapezium. We got rather messy in art this week as we used charcoal for our stunning pictures of Queen Victoria. We are enjoying our new class reading sessions as we take an in-depth look at The Giraffe and the Pelly and Me through a whole variety of activities. There was plenty of thoughtful ideas during our RE lesson as we thought about what might be important to someone we know. Well done everyone for a super week.

Year 3 have been reading fables this week, inspired by our class book, Cinderella of the Nile. We have started planning our own fables based on our chosen moral and will be aiming to include dialogue so that we can practise our speech punctuation. We're looking forward to reading them! In science, we have been continuing our study of the human body by investigating human skeletons. We drew what we thought was under our skin and then compared it to a model skeleton, looking at the different bones and learning some amazing facts. Did you know we have 206 bones in our body. In RE, we have started looking at Coventry Cathedral. We looked at some of the artworks and the meanings behind them. In maths, we looked at the patterns in the 2, 4, 8 times tables and how we can use doubling to help us learn them. Patterns have also featured in our art lessons where we have explored line and pattern to create wonderful illustrations of landscapes.



This week, **Year 4** wrote some beautiful descriptions of the terrifying sea beast, cetus! They also storyboarded a scene, which they will be acting out, and created some top notch trading cards of Athena, Cetus and Perseus! In Maths, we looked at the how and why behind factors and multiplying, using lots of place value tables and counters. In science, Y4 conducted a comparative investigation of different invertebrates, and even went searching for live specimens in the school garden. The children were surprised by just how many are around us, all of the time!

Year 5 has had a brilliant week. They have been perfecting their speech in narrative, working hard on ensuring their punctuation is correct, while also engaging the reader and moving the story on.

They put their ideas for speech into practice on Thursday morning during a drama session



in the hall, during which they created their scenes, adapted their speech, thought about tone, actions and interactions between characters, leading to them editing and improving their narrative writing. In maths they have moved from formal methods of multiplication to learning written methods of division - once again using their times table knowledge well. In topic they have been learning about the Roman invasion of Britain, examining why

initial attempts failed, but subsequent invasions succeeded. Well done on a great week of learning!

Here's what **Year 6** have been up to recently! In English, we've tackled the big question: "What have the Maya done for us?" – and it's been quite the journey! The class has collaborated to create an amazing text, now going live on Google Classroom, with each group researching, drafting, and revising their own section like true experts. Roles were carefully assigned - from team leader to timekeeper - so teamwork was key! In Maths, we've been working on 'proportion' problems and even braved a SATs Reasoning paper under mock exam conditions in the hall (cue the excitement - they were brilliant). Speaking of SATs, you'll soon get an invite to a talk where I'll outline what to expect, and yes, biscuits will be provided (no guarantees on the quality, though). Computing has seen the continued development of Maya-themed websites, which the children are constantly improving. While in PE, we've been focusing on dance in groups and defending strategies in hockey. A busy and productive week all round!