

At Monkwick Infant School we want all children to be lifelong learners.

We believe that to be lifelong learners children need to have a '**growth mindset**', which means thriving on new challenges, not being afraid to make mistakes and having a range of strategies to get "unstuck".

We will be introducing 'growth mindset' to the children through a story that has several animal characters. The animals represent different ways to learn.

Your child will be introduced to the characters and will be encouraged to use the different strategies as they learn. Certificates given in Friday assemblies will be linked to the different animals and the strategies. The animals will be displayed in the classroom and you will see them in your child's books. Your child might come home and tell you which animal they were today – for example – a 'bee' which means they had worked in a team to learn something new.

We will introduce the children to each animal over the coming weeks. Here are the animals and what they represent.



Owl **sees the bigger picture**. He takes time to think about how to do things differently to help him to learn.



Unicorn is **creative** and thinks of different ways to help her to learn. She uses her imagination.



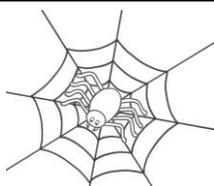
Chameleon can **adapt** and knows that he can get better at learning over time and that his brain can get bigger and stronger.



Tortoise is **resilient** and likes a challenge. He is willing to have a go. He knows that sometimes learning is hard and that it's ok to get something wrong.



Cat is **curious** and likes to find things out. She likes to ask the question 'why?'



Spider **makes connections** between what he is learning and what he already knows.



Busy bee likes **team work** so she can learn with other people and she likes to learn from other people.