

3rd May 2019

Excalibur Primary School

Term: Summer 1 Week: Two

Reception Class Newsletter



We have had another busy week in Reception. We have continued with our 'Pets and Vets' theme. The children have loved bringing in their soft toy pets on their show and tell day. Each group was invited to take them into 'Excalibur's Vets' for a health check. If your child forgot to bring theirs or would like to bring a different pet toy, they are welcome to do this next week.



During computing, the children have created their own pet pictures using Purple Mash. This gave them the opportunity to practise using their mouse skills. They had to click and select colours from the menu and then apply them to the areas they wanted. They also used Simple City to find and select what a pet needs to be healthy and happy. We have looked closely at different pets and the children have each created an observational drawing which they have then painted.

In literacy, we made our own lost pet posters and thought about what vital details the posters should include. The children imagined how it must feel if a pet goes missing and how our pets are like members of our family.



We heard the story of "The Great Pet Sale". We then used this story as inspiration for our Maths activities. The children set up our own pet sale shops and used real coins to buy and sell items. We talked about different coins and explored their face value.

Vets and Pets Workshop

On Tuesday, Mrs Cadman and Danielle came to visit. They brought a selection of creatures for the children to explore. These included two snakes, a leopard gecko, a baby tortoise and a hamster. The children were all very brave and decided whether to touch certain creatures if they were allowed. Mrs Cadman showed the children how to apply a bandage so that it didn't come off easily. They also scanned a toy dog to locate its chip. Mrs Cadman gave each of the children a packet of colouring pencils and a competition entry to colour their favourite creature. These will need to be returned by Friday 10th May to pass on to the judges at Kidsgrove vets. *Many thanks to Mrs Cadman and Danielle for your time and efforts.*



Super stars

Well done to Albie and James who are our stars of the week.

Fantastic effort!



Our VIP's this lunchtime were Freddie R and Matthew. Supper manners!

Mystery Reader

We have been lucky enough to have had lots of Mystery Readers recently. Last Friday, Jack W's mum joined us to read to the children. This week, we heard James's Gran who read "The Little Old Lady Who Cried Wolf" and today we were joined by Matthew's mum. The children listened beautifully.

Many thanks for your time!



Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Rogers, Mrs Cheadle, Mrs Thompson, Mrs Brooker and Miss Lewington