

Foundation News

December 2016

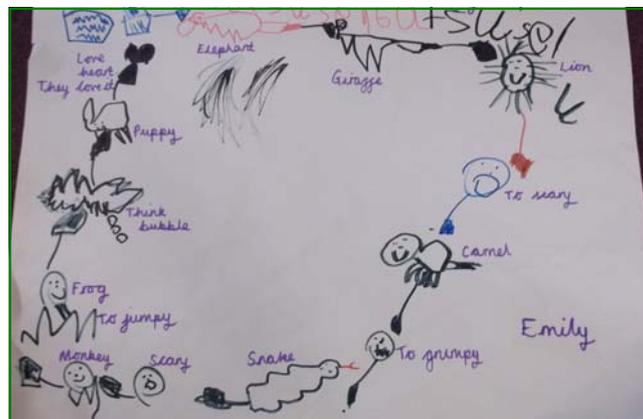
Elsewhere in School...

- We raised £262 for this year's Poppy Appeal through sales of poppies, wrist bands and badges, and a further £334 for Children In Need thanks to our non-uniform day.
- Our Special Needs Coordinator, Mrs Wood, was nominated for a Pride of Stevenage Award, in recognition of her tireless work to secure the best possible support for our children.
- Years 1 and 2 performed a brilliant Christmas show, *Prickly Hay* in front of a packed house of family and friends.
- Year 4 were invited to Barnwell School to watch their Christmas production, while Year 5 headed to Nobel for a special performance of their pantomime.
- Years 2-6 all visited Stevenage Cinema for movie screenings as part of this year's National Film Week.

What we've been doing this term...

Adult Directed Learning

We have had lots of fun this half term in our adult directed learning sessions. In Literacy, we have looked at the story of *Owl Babies*, drenching ourselves in the text, pretending to be owls, story mapping and innovating upon the text. We have also taken the story outside, heading to the woods for story telling sessions. In Maths, meanwhile we have continued to develop our counting and number recognition skills, aiming to count independently all the way to twenty.



Dinosaurs!

Year 1 took part in a dinosaur workshop as part of their topic, and we couldn't resist the chance to join in the fun! The Infant Hall was set up with a variety of dinosaurs for us to explore, and the "Dinosaur Man", Graham, shared lots of his stories about dinosaurs, helping us to learn about what they ate and how they moved. We were also shown a variety of real dinosaur fossils and learnt all about their history. We were lucky enough to hold Graham's fossilised dinosaur egg too.



Herrings Green Farm

We had a fantastic time on our first school trip of the year, which took place earlier this month.

We caught our first glimpses of the birds as soon as we arrived at Herrings Green Farm, and couldn't wait to get inside. Over the course of the day, we saw a huge range of flying creatures, and were amazed by the eagles, owls and hawks - and we all got the opportunity to hold two owls (called Marmite and Oscar) too. Everyone was very brave! We also had the chance to watch a bird show, where they flew very close to our heads.

After lunch we went to visit the farm, where we saw Shetland ponies, donkeys and a very large shire horse. We got to touch guinea pigs and a very large rabbit!

It was a fantastic (if a bit chilly) day and everyone had a great time - and we can't wait to find out where our next school trip will take us!



Aaron and Marmite the barn owl



The guinea pigs loved all the attention!



Maddie and Marmite



Butterflies meet Winston the horse



Chloe fell in love with the pony!



Kacie and Marmite



The owl show!



Dasiy-Mae and Oscar the owl



Emily and the pony



Matei and Marmite Owl



Atharv stroking the donkey



The giant rabbit Sooty



Ladybirds meet the guinea pigs

Star Moments

Here is a small selection of our Star Moments. We really value the Stars and the comments that you contribute, which help us to encourage your children to talk about things they do at home and to value their achievements.

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Remember you can fill in and return a star at anytime.

Notices

- Please make sure we have coats and gloves during the winter - we go outside in all weathers!
- Please ensure that all clothes are named to avoid mix ups during PE.
- We are on the hunt for tea sets, play food, super hero capes and aprons.

Diary Dates

5th January 2017

Start of Spring
Term

13th-17th February

Half-term

10th March

Inset day - school
closed

31st March

End of term

19th April

Start of Summer
Term

1st May

May Bank Holiday -
school closed

8th-12th May

Year 6 SATs Test
Week

29th May - 2nd June

Half-term

21st July

End of term

Christmas Crafts

We had a fantastic day last Tuesday, taking part in our Christmas Craft day - and having so many of our family members joining us at school made the day particularly special, too, as you can hopefully see from these pictures...

