

# Classroom News



Class Name: Blaise

Term: Spring term 1 2022

Topic: Pets

## What we have been learning this term:

We have just loved our Pet theme this term.

As well as our usual busy weeks of Physio, Rebound, Hydro and Communication, the children have been exploring various textures, animal foods, homes, care and sounds through their lessons and in class we set up a pet shop, interactive display for the children to explore.

In weeks one and two we focused on what the various animals eat and were lucky to be able to meet some locusts for our toy chameleon which made us laugh as they jumped around the classroom off our trays! We had a go at matching food stuffs to various pets and thought about pets that have scales and shells, making snakes using bubble wrap and rolling pins over paper plates as well as messy spaghetti printing and cheesy, pastry snakes in cooking.

In weeks three and four we explored the toys that pets like to play with as well as pets that have feathers. Michelle brought in a toy that her pet parrot plays with which was noisy and offered various hard textures and surfaces. We made parrots using our hand prints for their feathers and made bird feeders where we explored bird seed, cereals and peanut butter which we used to cover ice cream cones before hanging them on to the tree in our sensory garden. The birds had a wonderful feast!

Weeks five and six were dedicated to Chinese New Year – the year of the Tiger! We read the story 'I am a Tiger' and collaborated with primary house to make a big Chinese dragon which will soon be displayed in our hall. We also made Chinese coconut rice desserts – yum!

Week 7 was back to pets and we read all about a Dog called Bloomer. Drawing on what we'd learnt previously from our 'Pet Shop' book about how we look after our animals, we were able to care for Bloomer giving him food, a bath, taking him for a walk and putting him to bed.

We can't wait for the farm to visit us next term so that we can try out some of our new skills on some real animals!

## Some photos of us!



## Dates & Points to remember:

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> February 2022 – Last day of term

Monday 28<sup>th</sup> February 2022 – First day of term