

# Key Stage 1



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## Learning

In English the children have been learning about writing non-chronological reports. They shared a report about guinea pigs and discussed what facts they had found out. They then learned to write a spidergram to help them plan to write their own non-chronological report about guinea pigs. The children then used their spidergram to write their own non-chronological report.

In maths the children have been identifying patterns made by different shapes and found the missing shapes or continued the patterns. They have looked at 3D shapes to identify the properties such as the number of faces, edges and vertices (corners) that a 3D shape has, also looking for properties that are the same and different in different shapes. They also found fractions of shapes such as  $\frac{1}{2}$  and shape and  $\frac{1}{4}$  of a shape and also  $\frac{1}{2}$ ,  $\frac{1}{4}$ ,  $\frac{3}{4}$ ,  $\frac{1}{3}$  of different amounts. Eg: what is  $\frac{3}{4}$  s of 12? You could try this at home by counting 12 coins/lego bricks/buttons and sharing into 4 groups making quarters and then find how many make:  $\frac{1}{4}$ ,  $\frac{2}{4}$ , and  $\frac{3}{4}$ .

In topic lessons the children learned what animals are herbivores (eat plants), carnivores (eat meat) and omnivores (eat both). They also sorted a variety of different animals into their family groups of fish, birds, amphibians, mammals, reptiles and insects.

The children had a good day and excellent weather at 'Africa Alive', where they looked at lots of animals up close and learned different facts about the animals as they travelled the park. Also having a train ride around the park and watching some animals being fed and listening to talks by the keepers during the feeding session. The children were a real credit to you and our school and we were very pleased with their sensible behaviour during the day. Thank you for your continued support so we can provide these trips and your offers of help. If you would like to help on other trips in the future please contact the office to organise a DBS check if you do not have one already.

Remember the school sports day is on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> July, we are hoping to start as soon as everything has been set up, approximately 9am. The morning will consist of a carousel of activities with some races at the end. Hopefully you will have been practising for the parents' race!! The morning should finish at about 12 noon...ish! Looking forward to seeing you all there!

We are hoping to have a picnic to celebrate the end of our school year on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> July in the afternoon and so we ask if you would kindly donate some crisps, cakes, sausage rolls, juice or other party food for the classes to share on the day. Please note that we are only allowed to accept shop bought products. Thank you for all your kind generosity and support.