

# Reception Peek @ the Week



## Our visit to Exmoor Zoo...

We had such a great day on Wednesday when we visited Exmoor Zoo. The children each chose a partner for the journey and there was lots of excitement when we boarded the coach. When we arrived at the zoo, we were greeted by Steve, the zoo-keeper, who showed us where to put our lunchboxes. Then we went off to explore the zoo. There were so many different animals to see but our favourites were: the cheetahs, the sand cats, the wolves, the singing dogs, and the Exmoor Beast, which is in fact a black leopard.

Once we had eaten our lunch, we had an 'encounter' session with Steve, the zoo keeper, so that we could see some of the animals up close. He showed us animals which live **O**utside **M**y **H**ouse - the **O** was for owl, the **M** was for mouse and the **H** was for hedgehog (it was actually a tenrec). Some of the children were brave enough to touch some of the animals and we learnt some interesting facts about them, including that owls have different colour eyes depending on what time of day they go hunting.

After lunch we saw a few more animals before it was time for us to get back onto the coach and head for home.

We are so proud of the children for their fantastic behaviour during the day and for being brave and going on their first school trip without their parents. Well done Dragonflies and Butterflies all of the staff had a wonderful day with you - thank you!

## Reading books...

Next week we will start collecting in the children's Reading Records every day and if a child has read at home they will get a sticker. If someone has managed to read 5 times during the week their name will go on the newsletter. We recognise that sometimes the children are too tired to read or have other commitments but regular reading at home will have the biggest impact on how quickly they learn to read so we would really appreciate your support with this.

## Letters and Sounds...

This week the children have learnt new sounds: **oo** like in moon and **oo** like in book. They also have a new tricky word: **are**.

Have a wonderful weekend! The Reception Team