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KS1 Unit

Hedgehogs

On Tuesday, we were visited by David who talked to us about hedgehogs. The children asked lots of questions about our prickly friends and David taught us lots about them, including what they ate (insects, flowers, worms and snails) when they slept (late autumn to early spring) and how many babies they could have in one litter (up to five babies). David also showed us how rescue hedgehogs are cared for and fed. They can eat a third of their body weight in food! However, when you spend the winter months asleep, you need to be prepared! Later, we went for a walk in our fantastic woodland area to look at the hedgehog habitat in closer detail. The children fully enjoyed David's visit and later they wrote an explanation text describing the life-cycle of the hedgehog as well as labelling and writing captions for hedgehog pictures.

Meet the Degus!

If you have not visited Mrs. Blythe's classroom recently, you will have not met our new friends, Tom and Jerry. They are not a cat and mouse partnership but two degu brothers. Degus are similar to gerbils but larger (and if our friends are to go by, friendlier!). Tom and Jerry have settled brilliantly into our KS1 unit and can be seen regularly exercising in their large green exercise ball. They are becoming even friendlier as they become more comfortable with the human scent. Our children are overjoyed by the arrival of our new friends. The degus help to relax the children and they can learn about animals and the importance of good pet care through their caring of them. Keep in touch with the webpage to learn of the antics of Tom and Jerry over the coming months.

What Time Is It Mr. Wolf?

In Mathematics this week, the children in Classes AS and RS have been studying time. The children have been reading analogue times including o'clock, half past, quarter past and quarter to the hour and have started to convert analogue time into digital time.

Rehearsals

We have started our rehearsals proper for our Christmas performance and by now you should have received a note regarding your child's costume requirements. If you need any support in coordinating your child's costume, please speak to us at school where we will be more than happy to help. Our performance will take place on the afternoon of Wednesday, December 7th at 2 p.m. in KS1 hall. We look forward to seeing you there as part of our KS1 Christmas celebrations.



Christmas Dinner



Could I please remind parents that letters have already gone home to order Christmas dinner in school.

If anyone still would like to order Christmas dinner please call to the office for an order form.

Christmas dinner is on Wednesday 14th December.

Future Events

06/12/11	F Unit Christmas concert 11am and 2:15 pm
07/12/11	KS1 Christmas concert 2pm
07/12/11	KS2 Christmas concert 6pm
08/12/11	KS2 Christmas concert 2pm
12/12/11	Story Magic Theatre in school
14/12/11	School Christmas Dinner

INSET DAYS for 2011/2012

19/12/11	11/06/12
20/02/12	20/07/12

ICE SHEFFIELD

KALCREST SHEFFIELD STEELDOGS

OPERATION MILTON KEYNES

Sat 19th November 2011

7:30pm Face Off

Charity night in aid of Children's Hospital Charity

Teddy Bear Toss (new teddies only please)

1st 400 to buy a ticket receives a free Steeldogs gift

Tickets available on the night

Adults £9, Concession £6:50

Family £20

Foundation Unit

We have begun rehearsals for our Christmas Concert. This year we are focusing on the story 'Born in a Barn'. Letters and song lyrics will be sent home for your child to practice. We would like to thank F2 parents for their continued support in bringing homework bags back, these are an important part of your child's learning.

Thank you.

Year 3/4

The Y3 Woodpeckers and Y4 Falcons have enthusiastically begun their Tudors theme. We have learnt about Henry VIII and his first wife Catherine of Aragon. We can't wait to find out what happened to the other wives! Furthermore we have been impressed with the homework presented. Already we've seen beautiful Tudor roses, intricate Tudor houses and some robust research. We wish to thank parents and carers for the support provided in completing homework.

In recent weeks, we have been diligently learning our Christmas songs. The Falcons have been learning 'We Wish You a Merry Christmas' and the Woodpeckers have been practising 'Rudolph the Red Nose Reindeer'.

Furthermore, throughout this half term, the Falcons have taken to swimming like fish to water. Many children are being presented with badges exhibiting their achievements. In addition, the Falcons have been impressing Mr Elliott and Mr Fuller with their guitar skills. They have been reading music, learning chords and on Thursday they successfully completed 'Hot Cross Buns'.

Regards Viv Hall (Headteacher)