

Reception News

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Hi everyone,

The children came back to school full of news about their Easter Holiday and wrote all about their best memories, most of which included a visit from the Easter Bunny! What fantastic writers they are all becoming.

We introduced our new animal topic by talking about our pets. The children have listened to each other speaking about their own pets and some have enjoyed showing photographs or drawing their pets. We have read stories about pets and we have created a pet shop role-play. We have recorded our favourite pets and other information using tally charts and graphs. We have also transformed our pebbles into unique pets using a variety of collage materials such as fur, feathers and googly eyes!

We had a special visitor on Wednesday. Mrs Clarkson introduced us to her pet tortoise, Billy, who had just come out of hibernation. The children were fascinated by Billy and they came up with some great questions, such as, "How much does he weigh?", "Why do they not run?" and "Does he have a bath?" Photos of Billy will be on the school website Reception Blog very soon.

As usual, Friday is 'Fun day' with P.E with Mr Nay and Wild At Heart, where the children explore the natural environment around school.

Following the death of Prince Philip last Friday, each class made cards for Her Majesty The Queen to show we are thinking of her at this sad time. We have remembered them both in our prayers.

Home Readers

We are delighted to say we can start sending home 'real' Reading books from **Monday**. Daily reading at this age is fundamental to their development and Reception children are expected to be able to read simple sentences independently in preparation for Year One. Whilst they all read every day in school, the more they practise at home, the more confident they become. You will get 2 reading books each week to look at with your child. Encourage them to have a go at reading for themselves, sounding out words and recognising common 'trick' words. Please read the books more than once until they are confident reading them. You can also practise spelling words from the book and writing a sentence. You will also receive a Reading Record to complete with comments on how your child managed with the book. Books must be in bags on **Friday** so we can take them out to quarantine over the weekend before we change them.
Any questions, please ask.

Happy Birthday



This week we celebrated
the
Birthdays of
**Violet Marshall, Lillie Greaves,
Mia Cook, Indie Porter,
Esmae Gamble and Rachel Busa.**