

Dear Parents,

We had a fantastic trip to Otterden on Wednesday! The weather was glorious and the children were very well behaved all day. We started with a 40minute Birds of Prey talk and Martin the 'Bird Man' was enthralling. He showed us a barn owl, a tawny owl, a Harris hawk, two beautiful furry owlets and the biggest bird I'd ever seen - a bald eagle!

All day, in each activity, the children answered lots of questions using their science learning from school, all about types of food animals eat, habitats and plants, mini-beasts - they were very impressive.

Next we learned about ring counting to see how old a tree is and looked at different sized slices from trees.

Then we found out about seeds and farm machinery -and got to sit in a huge blue tractor! Finally it was lunch time (they'd asked about this from the moment we'd got off the bus!). Then we had a talk -and a stroke- of the sheep and lamb, and a huge sow and her 8 very cute piglets.

We met Murphy, a working dog. We raced him as a class to get his ball -but he beat us both times!

Finally we headed into the wood and searched for mini-beasts and had a talk from the game-keeper who had ferrets and traps, and a gun!

Phew!

In amongst all this, its been poetry week at school and we learnt a class poem and performed it in assembly, it is called April Fool in School -see if your child can recite it to you!

Also its been bike week, which is why we had our bikes for PE in school on Friday.

We have been reasoning and problem solving in maths using addition and subtraction and this will continue next week.

What a busy week!

Next week we will be doing a "sponsored exercise" across the field, using exercises the children have designed to raise monies for the NSPCC following their recent visit and assembly.

Finally may we say a huge thank you to Mrs Merryweather , for spending her spare time helping us plant up our garden with beans and flowers. Our garden is just outside our classroom window so please come and have a look!

Have a lovely weekend,
Mrs Martin

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