

Highlights of the week:

We had a great time at Banham zoo last Friday! The children thoroughly enjoyed our discovery session with the staff at the zoo, where we were able to meet cockroaches, giant African land snails and snakes. In the session we were able to find out lots of facts about muscles and skeletons and we even got to touch some fur from different animals! After the sessions, we were able to walk around the zoo where we got to see lots of different animals, including giraffes, zebras and seals! It was a great day!

In literacy, we have started to think about our new topic...Newspaper reports! We were very excited to read that an alien had landed in Dussindale Primary school and left behind parts of its spaceship. After reading the report, we transformed into journalists who were looking to find out more on our playground. We walked around the playground and found parts of the spaceship and we could see fragments of the planet it came from.

In maths, we have continued to work on telling the time. We took part in an investigation where we had to work in teams to sort the times chronologically from 12.00am. The children showed that they have developed good time telling skills and they have showed excellent knowledge about the chronology of time... well done!

In science, we talked about the pollination process and learned a lot of new words relating to parts of flowers. In our Art lesson we created lovely comic strips on our trip to the zoo, highlighting our favourite parts. In PSHE and community time we talked about the 5 adults we trust to talk to at school and home.

We hope you have a lovely half term... relax and enjoy!

Talk About:

Why do you think the alien landed in Dussindale primary? What could it be doing here?

Maths fluency practise:

Practise chanting your 3, 4 and 8 times tables.

Get you family to test you on the related division facts.

Literacy homework:

Please read the attached newspaper article. On the back of this sheet, please see the grid asking the children what parts of the newspaper report they liked, and what parts they didn't like in the report. They could focus on paragraphs, words or the topic of the report.

New vocabulary (Discuss these with your child and see if they can remember their meanings!):

Analogue, stamen, style, stigma

Parent/Carer comment:

Extra Space

What I liked about the report:

Example: I liked the title 'Back to earth with a bump' because it made me laugh and I could imagine what it would be like to land from space

What I didn't like about the report:

Example: Some of the sentences were very long. I think that they could have been a bit shorter.