

Year 2 Educational Visit to Banham Zoo

On Friday 8th March Year 2 pupils visited the exotic Banham Zoo. First, we went to the Meerkat enclosure and we got to see them climbing and foraging for food. They were sitting facing the warm sunlight. We were excited to meet them as we have been learning about Meerkats in our Talk4Writing.

Next, we found some seating and had a delicious snack and used the restroom. After eating our snacks, we hurried off to visit the Farm barn area of the zoo. Here we got to see guinea pigs, a massive, fluffy rabbit and lots of goats. We also saw some degus.

The next stop was the tropical house. Before entering we had to wash our feet on a special soapy mat to prevent spreading germs. When we entered, the tropical house was humid and warm. Luckily, we were fortunate to meet Arlo the sloth who was hanging upside down munching his tasty breakfast. Bella made notes and one fact was that the sloth had his birthday just a few weeks ago and it turns out he is 3 years old. There were many other tropical animals including, carp, birds and monkeys.

Afterwards, we headed off to the seals and penguins.

The seals were gracefully swimming and the penguins were sleeping and waddling on the land.

A zoo keeper told us all about the Spider Monkeys and there were 3 babies. Amazingly, Spider Monkeys have a finger print on the end of their tail and this is like a fifth limb. The red panda was high up in the trees and we walked through the wallaby enclosure where we saw lots of babies too.

It was time for lunch and we were able to eat inside. We were all STARVING!!!! With full bellies, we then headed off to the road train. The whole of Year2 were able to fit on the train and we got a special treat because we were allowed to go around the zoo twice on the train.

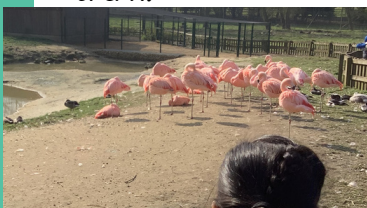
Once we arrived back at the train station, we walked through the flamingo pond and passed by Tiger Territory and spotted the snow leopard sleeping up high on the roof tops. We also discovered the cheetah, who was keeping watch on the top of his climbing frame.

Finally, we ended up at the Giraffe House where we saw the two beautifully tall and spotty creatures grazing. They were so close we could almost touch them.

Eve was an expert and knew that Giraffes have seven neck vertebrae.

After all the exploring and seeing some incredible animals, we got to play on the amazing zoo park. We all had great fun playing on the slide which was REALLY fast. Then, sadly, after a super day, it was time to board the coach and return to school. We had a fantastic time, don't you agree?

Thank you



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Year 5 Science Bus

Year 5 Visit from the Thorpe St Andrew High School Science Bus

Thank you to Maizie and Emily who have provided these super recounts for the Newsletter

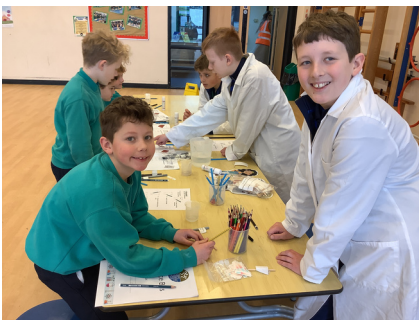
The Science Bus was really exciting. It was full of educational, fun and exploratory activities. Each station was exciting and we got to see a real mammal's eye and a beautiful flower under a microscope. Also, somebody had drawn on a school desk and we had to become detectives to investigate who had written 'the teacher stinks!' (was it Helen, Jordan or Alice?). My favourite activity was the Astro-dinners as we got to play detectives again to work out what was in each little container.



By Maizie



On Wednesday March 6th, some year 7s (former Dussindale children) came to help the year 5s carry out some fun science experiments. There were 5 different stations and 3 year 7 helpers at each one. We had 12 minutes to complete each different activity. At the start we were given a booklet to fill in as we went along. We tried out making electrical circuits, learnt about chromatography, space food and how to use a microscope. I found it really interesting to view different things under the microscope.



I really enjoyed the science bus coming and it was a nice treat for the year 5s. At the end we all had to sit down on the hall floor for the final experiment. The Chemistry teacher had a massive water bottle and a magic stick. Firstly he put some fluid into the large bottle. Next, he shook it vigorously. Then another man lit a match - but it went out. He tried again, it worked... and a burst of flames rose up and a burning sound filled the large water bottle. Finally, after a few blows, he blew out the flame.

By Emily



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