

# So Many Animals

Children are fascinated by animals, be it a cow in a farm, a lion in a zoo, or a buzzing bee in a garden, the children just can't get enough of the furry – and sometimes scaly – creatures that share our wonderful planet earth.

For Term 2, the natural world was brought into the Nursery classrooms as the children explored the theme of 'So Many Animals'. They classified different animals accordingly into farm animals, pets, creepy crawlies and wild animals. They also learnt about animals' habitats, their special needs, their young, their body coverings, and sounds that they make.

Most children are eager to observe, touch, and care for animals – as evident when we caught a lizard that had wandered off its garden path and stumbled onto our corridors. We released it back into the garden after a few hours, as the kids deduced that 'he must have gotten lost while going to school because he doesn't want to go to school!' - Such are the creative and sometimes amusing minds of kids! ☺

For the topic of pets, our principal Miss Allison brought her adorable pooch Taco into school to share with the kids on the care and maintenance of a dog. Further discussions in class reiterated to the children the responsibilities of pet ownership – that it is a lifetime commitment and that a pet is not just an animal plaything, but a part of the family.

A child brought her pet hamster to school to share her experiences of caring for her pet. Some kids were curious about the bedding pellets – they thought it was food – while others were fascinated by the spinning wheel. This experience led us further into our exploration of the habitats of animals.





The children demonstrated their understanding of the topics learnt through various craft activities – they crushed egg shells to decorate pictures of a hatching chick; they made various models of animals using play dough; and they crafted a 'Buzzing Bugs Paper Plate' to use in a 'spinning' competition to see whose plate can spin the longest.



And last but not least, the children visited the Singapore Zoological Gardens for their field trip. Although most have visited the zoo with their families before, the kids were excited as it is always a fun adventure when travelling with their classmates. One of the highlights was the workshop 'Take5@Zoo – Body Coverings'. The children were able to see and feel the skins of some animals, such as the porcupine. The kids were fascinated by the softness of the quills on the porcupine, as they have always thought that the spikes are sharp. It was a long and warm day, and they did a lot of walking, but the kids made it through the field trip with nary a complaint. Bravo! ☺

That is all for this issue of our E-newsletter. We hope you enjoyed reading it. We will be back after the June school holidays, embarking on another learning journey with the kids where we will explore the theme on 'Mother Nature'. See you then!

Sincerely,  
Teachers of Nursery classes ☺