

# Cowbridge Lower School Newsletter



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Such a glorious week of sunshine to be outdoors and celebrating the start our new topics!

On Monday, the staff and pupils of Lower School dressed as explorers. It really was a sight to behold and fabulous to see explorers not just of the land but of the seas and space also, adventuring and discovering our wonderful world. Whilst hunting, there was identification of a variety of creatures, some expected...ladybirds, worms, caterpillars and spiders. Others not so....who would have thought an elephant, monkey, kangaroo, camel, panda, parrot and tiger would be lurking in the grounds of Cowbridge School? None were more surprised than Year 1, the finders of such curious creatures frequenting our grounds. Apparently they had already received a tip-off after finding a letter and maps in their classroom to say said animals had escaped from a local rescue centre.

After an exhilarating morning of capture and environmental exploration, back in the classrooms the hard work began. Tally charts, block graphs on J2E, creating symmetrical butterflies, counting in two's, investigating length, observational sketches focussing on lines, the setting up of bug and animal rescue centres, team painting minibeasts, creating our own minibeasts, typing captions and labels and writing environmental adventures followed with much enthusiasm.

Wednesday also saw the recognition and celebration of Earth Day. We were fortunate to be invited to join a live webinar from The National Literacy Trust. We listened to the story "Green Bean" by author Anita Frost and participated in a question and answer session with her. We were lucky enough to have one of our questions answered by her on the live stream. We then enjoyed a day full of activities considering the best ways to look after our planet. Bean seeds were planted, recycling centres were built, posters were created and litter was picked. We really do love our earth!

It certainly has been a very busy start to our topics....long may the sunshine continue!!

