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## News Story – Animal Visit

### Babies

The babies had a memorable day when the zoo paid a visit to the nursery, bringing along a variety of animals for everyone to meet. The group was given the chance to look at and interact with several animals, including a rabbit, a bearded dragon, a turtle, and a worm. Babies were absolutely thrilled to be able to observe these animals up close as each one was presented to them.



Many of the babies particularly enjoyed touching and stroking the rabbits. The older babies even showed their understanding of the world around them by saying "carrot" when they saw the rabbit eating, demonstrating their knowledge of what a carrot is. At first, some children were a little apprehensive, but as the visit progressed, their confidence grew. Some babies even placed the rabbit on their lap, showing a real sense of comfort and curiosity.



Throughout the visit, every baby was given the opportunity to explore and learn by interacting with the animals. Babies enjoyed the tactile experience of feeling the different textures of the animals, while older children engaged thoughtfully, observing and commenting on what they saw. It was a delightful and educational experience for all, with each child participating in a way that suited their own level of interest and comfort.

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## Toddlers

The toddlers enjoyed a delightful day during the visit by the zoo, engaging with a variety of animals and learning new things.



A zoo representative visited the group, bringing along several animals for the children to meet. The selection included a turtle, a worm, a rabbit, and a bearded dragon. The children were thrilled by the opportunity to observe these animals up close as each one was presented to them.

As the animals were introduced, the children learnt their names and had the chance to watch the zoo lady demonstrate each one. All the children sat quietly and patiently, awaiting their turn as the animals were brought around individually.



The children demonstrated excellent turn-taking skills when expressing interest in touching the animals. Every child was offered the choice to touch or hold the animals. Some children eagerly participated and took their turn, while others preferred to simply observe.

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## Pre-School

Today at nursery, we had some very special animal visitors! The children had a great time meeting and touching all the different creatures.

We started with Morio worms, which were small and very wiggly. Some of the children were brave enough to hold them in their hands, while others just gave them a little pat to see how they felt. We also looked at some baby grasshoppers. They stayed inside their box because they were jumping up and down so much! The children were curious and asked why they were so tiny and why they liked to jump.



In another box, we found a fruit beetle and some baby snails. We learned that the snails will eventually grow to be very big, and the children noticed that their heads felt quite slimy!

Then it was time to meet Savage the Bearded Dragon. Because of his name, some of the children wondered if he could breathe fire! We learned that he is a lizard. His skin felt quite rough, so everyone made sure to use very gentle hands so he wouldn't feel scared.

We also had fun with Tiddles the Tortoise. We watched how slowly she moved and everyone had a turn to feel her shell. Finally, there were two very popular bunny rabbits. The children loved watching them hop around and munch on carrots, and everyone enjoyed feeling how soft and fluffy their fur was.

