



Friday 19th April

It's hard to think of a better way to begin a new week of school with an exciting trip to the farm. We are so proud of all the children who behaved brilliantly on our trip. We had a wonderful time exploring all of the amazing animals on show at Attwell and the experience has inspired lots of amazing writing. Next week our focus moves to minibeasts—if you encounter any creepy-crawlies at home, in the garden or out and about, please send in pictures to the class emails for us to explore together in class.



## Phonics

This week we have been very pleased with the children as they have been reading and writing words containing blends. Blends continue to be the main focus next week and we will be reading and writing words with 2 blends such as 'shelf' and 'munch'

## Reading

In addition to the weekly book you receive from school, there are a wider range of ebooks available from the e-Collins website—please speak to your class teacher if you need any support accessing the ebooks.

**Maths**—This week we have been exploring more complex patterns. We began by looking at physical patterns (e.g. clap hands, clap hands, tap your head), before exploring shape patterns and sequences later in the week. Next week we will be exploring numbers to 20 and beyond.

## Balanceability

The children are very excited about starting their balanceability sessions. Unfortunately we have had to push our starting point back a couple of weeks for reasons beyond our control. We have received confirmation that our new starting date is from next week which will be **Thursday 25th April for Goslings** and **Friday 26th April for Cygnets**. The sessions will run for 8 weeks and will therefore continue after the May half-term holidays. School budgets have been hit hard in recent years and we are reaching out to parents for any available support with additional experiences in school. A letter has gone out this week asking for voluntary donations of £10. If you are unable to contribute please understand this will not affect your child's enrolment in our balanceability programme as all children will access the 8 weeks tuition. Thank you for your support.