

My favourite animal

During the DTS program, Primary 1 students wrote about their favourite animals after learning about the characteristics and habits of the animals. They also revealed reasons why some animals are not good pets. Here are some of their awesome work below!

Lee
Kwan Yau
1D



I like an owl. It is brown and small. It has big eyes and brown feathers. It can fly but it cannot crawl. It lives on the tree. It is a carnivore. It eats meat. It is not a good pet because it is not easy to take care of an owl. It flies.

Wong
Chun
1D



I like a fish. It is small, thin, red and purple. It has no feet and no hair. It can swim but it cannot run. It lives at the beach. It is an omnivore. It eats plants and meat. It is a good pet because it is cute.

Chan
Chi Yin
1D



I like a crab. It is red, fierce and hard. It has a shell, six legs and small eyes. It can crawl but it cannot fly. It is a carnivore. It eats meat. It is not a good pet because it is not easy to take care of it.

Leung
Ho Lun
1C



I like a hedgehog. It is spiky and is black. It has small legs and small eyes. It can run but it cannot fly. It lives in a hole. It is an omnivore. It eats insects and plants. It is a good pet because it is small and cute.

Ngai
Hiu Yau
1C



I like a rabbit. It is short, small and white. It has long ears, short legs and big eyes. It can jump but it cannot swim. It lives on the farm. It is a herbivore. It eats vegetables. It is a good pet because it is small.

Yip
Tsz Ching
1C



I like a cat. It is small, thin and white. It has two small ears, a long tail and fur. It can jump but it cannot fly. It lives at home. It is a carnivore. It eats fish. It is a good pet because it is small and it can go into my home.

Au
Yeung Yat
1B



I like a lion. It is fierce, yellow and brown. It has big claws, fur and big paws. It can run but it cannot climb. It lives in my cage. It is a carnivore. It eats meat. It is a good pet because it is able to be trained to do tricks.

Leung
Si Long
1B



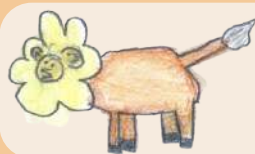
I like a lion. It is orange, fierce and big. It has long teeth, a big nose and a long tail. It can run but it cannot fly. It lives in the grassland. It is a carnivore. It eats meat. It is not a good pet because it is too fierce and it cannot go into my home.

Lo
Yin Lam
1B



I like a chinchilla. It is black, furry and fat. It has small eyes, long whiskers and a long tail. It can climb but it cannot fly. It lives at my home. It is a herbivore. It eats fruits. It is a good pet because it is cute.

Tsoi
Tin Yu
Timmy
1B



I like a hamster. It is white, fluffy and perfect. It has white fur, a big nose and small ears. It can climb but it cannot fly. It lives at home. It is an omnivore. It eats plants and meat. It is a good pet because it is small.



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Exploring English through DTS:

p1 students decide what a good pet is!

Starting from the school year of 2021–22, our school subscribed to the Development of Text Set (DTS) program offered by the NET Section, EDB. The program encourages educators to give greater space for students to explore, brainstorm and describe their thoughts and preferences by using a wide range of text types. Our school started integrating this concept to the teaching of a Primary 1 Unit this year, allowing students to explore further on 'what makes a good pet'.

In order to further enhance students' learning interest and personal experiences relevant to the theme of learning, our school organized an animal encounter workshop with Li Ivan for Primary 1 students in late July. During the workshop, students roamed around the room to learn and observe different reptiles, mammals and amphibians. Through comparing the characteristics of these species, students integrated their previous knowledge in explaining their ideal pet. Many of them were ecstatic when touching and holding the pets shown. Don't forget to scan the QR code to watch the activity highlights!

What can these animals do?

sleep

slither

croak

swim

A lizard can

in the river.

A frog can

loudly.

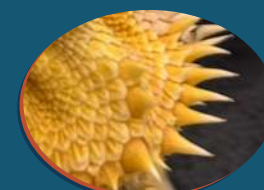
A tortoise can

in its shell.

A snake can

in the woods.

Can you match the skin to the animal?



Skinny pig



Bearded lizard



African bullfrog



Ball python

Scan the QR code to look at the answers!





An exciting animal encounter:

students can't take their eyes
and hands off the special guests

Many special guests visited our school from the wild on a sunny Tuesday morning in July. They were all calm and confident in front of a group of excited yet nervous six year-olds. All primary 1 students were busier than usual. They roamed around the activity room, observing and touching all these lovely living creatures. Let's recall who our special guests were and learn a bit more about their characteristics and habits!



Ball python

For snake lovers, a common type of snake would be the ball python. They have different skin colours, such as yellow, white and dark brown. They are nonvenomous. Ball pythons are carnivores and like to eat large crickets and mice. They can grow up to 180 cm long and live up to 30 years.

Don't be misled by its name! They aren't a kind of pig but tiny mammals that people love to keep as pets. The one shown in the picture is an almost hairless guinea pig breed, which is also known as skinny pig. Other than its muzzle (area near its jaw and nose), feet and legs, most of their body parts are hairless. They are herbivores and they usually eat hay, pellets, fruit and vegetables. They can grow up to 30 cm— as long as your forearm!



Skinny pig



Leopard tortoise

Leopard tortoises are the fourth largest tortoise in the world. They can size up to 70cm and weigh up to 40kg. They are herbivores and they eat fresh grass and mulberry leaves.



Bearded dragon

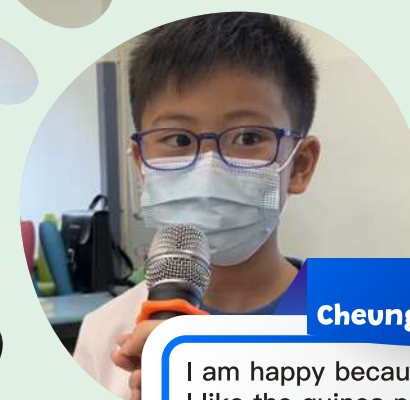
Does this kind of reptile grow a beard like a man? Not at all! Instead, bearded dragons have spiny scales below their chins that puff up when they feel threatened. They may have different skin colours, such as yellow, white, brick red and orange. They are omnivores and they eat crickets, mealworms and vegetables. They have an average lifespan of 8 to 12 years.



African bullfrog

Place your two fists together and you will see how chubby African bullfrogs can be! They are carnivores and they eat mice, insects, as well as fish. Their skin colours are usually dull green, yellow and brown. Like a lot of amphibians, they breathe through their slimy skin. Normally they can live at least 20 years. Some may even live over 40 years.

Our English teacher Miss Cheung interviewed some students during the activity. Let's read about their sharing!



1E
Cheung Lap Kan Lucas

I am happy because I see many animals today. I like the guinea pig best!



1B
Tang Hoi Him

I feel so excited because I see snakes today. I like all of them because they don't bite me.



1B
Pang Hoi Lam

I feel happy because I like the animal— the one that has black skin. It is a guinea pig. I think its tail is so funny. I also like the hedgehog. It pricked my hand!



1E
Chan Yik Chuen

I feel so happy because I see many animals. I like the lizard best because it is yellow— my favourite colour!



1E
Chui Ho Yeung

My favourite animal today is the lizard. It is warm and grey. Its skin is smooth!

