

Squirrel Trip to Beale Park -July 2026

The Squirrels had a fantastic end of year trip to Beale Park, where we had the opportunity to embed and consolidate our KSI Science learning about animals and their habitats. Throughout the day, the children were encouraged to observe a range of animals closely and think about how different animals are adapted to their environments. It was wonderful to see them making connections between what they have learned in the classroom and what they could see in real life.

One of the highlights of the trip was undoubtedly the meerkat enclosure. The children were particularly excited to see Sunny the meerkat, who they immediately recognised from our class text, *Meerkat Mail*. It was lovely to hear the children recalling details from the story and making links between the fictional character and the real animals they were observing. The Arctic fox was another source of great fascination. The children were captivated by its beautiful appearance and its ability to camouflage itself within its snowy habitat. This provided a valuable opportunity to discuss how animals are adapted to survive in their environments.

Of course, the trip wasn't all about learning! The children thoroughly enjoyed the jumping pillow, which was a huge hit and gave everyone the chance to let off some energy and have fun together. Overall, it was a hugely enjoyable and valuable day. The children demonstrated curiosity, enthusiasm and a wonderful ability to apply their classroom learning to the world around them. The trip to Beale Park provided memorable experiences that will help to deepen and consolidate their understanding of animals, habitats and adaptation.

