

Hamsters don't need much attention, so they are a great first pet. They are nocturnal, so they are busy digging, scratching and running at night when we are asleep.

Hamsters will not normally bite, unless frightened. Some hamsters bite when their sleep is disturbed. Hamsters need a lot of exercise, so the bigger the cage the better. Wire sides encourage your hamster to climb the bars of the cage.

Keep your hamster's cage out of direct sunlight and away from radiators, draughts or electrical equipment. The cage should be kept in a room where the lights go off at roughly the same time each evening. If you own other animals, make sure your hamster's cage is very secure and always keep other animals away from your hamster so he/she isn't scared by them.

Yuk fact!

Hamsters eat their own poo, which they eat directly from their bottoms! This seems strange to us, but it's natural behaviour for hamsters, and the poo is packed with vitamins!

NEXT MONTH... How to look after a reindeer!



TOP 10 HAMSTER NAMES

Buster
Pepper
Skittles
Cinderella
Snowball
Hamburger
Butterscotch
Lady
Rex
Teddy



YOU HAVE TO BE JOKING...

ANIMALS

Q What do you call a donkey with 3 legs?
A A wonky.

Q What's a cat's favourite colour?
A Purrrrrple.

Q Why did the cow cross the road?
A To get to the udder side.

Q What do you call a fish without an eye?
A Fsh!

Q What is the snake's favourite subject?
A Hiss-story.

Q What is a cheetah's favourite food?
A Fast food!

Q Why are fish so smart?
A Because they live in schools.

Q Why is a fish easy to weigh?
A Because it has its own scales!

Monthly news and facts from around the World for Belford First School children



WHERE ON EARTH Do you recognise this building? Find out more on Page 7
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STOP PRESS

Welcome to the 1st Edition of Belford First Schools monthly newspaper, Little Earth.

Every month we will tell you about local, national and international news stories. We will have a health page, animal page, science discoveries, random facts, fun stories and serious topics.

We will tell you about inspirational people, unusual places and how people live in other parts of the world.

This newspaper is for you to enjoy at home with your families.

If you have stories you think your friends would enjoy reading, write down your ideas for Miss Robinson, your story could be published!

Quote of the month
"Do the right thing...
Even when no one is looking."

DREAM JOB



Duncan Titmarsh, 42, from Surrey, has loved Lego since he first played with it as a child.

In a huge warehouse he has six million pieces of Lego that he uses to build incredible models every working day.

There are only four people in the world who make a living from building Lego. Duncan's biggest project was a huge 14ft tall, 400,000 piece Christmas Tree in St Pancras train station in London.

'You could say that it's every boy's dream to play and work with Lego for the rest of their life - I love it.'



WORD OF THE MONTH

address (addresses)

House number or name, street, county and post code.

Our **school** address is:
Belford First School
West Road
Belford
Northumberland
NE70 7QD

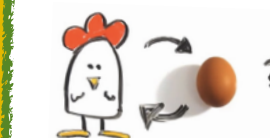
It's very important that you learn your own address.



Why do **fireworks** flash and bang?








QUESTION FOR A GROWN UP...

Which was first, the chicken or the egg?



NOVEMBER CALENDAR...

ADD IN YOUR DATES!

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
						1 All Saint's Day An opportunity for believers to remember all saints and martyrs, throughout Christian history.
2 Safety Week	3 Election Day, USA The day set by law for public elections in the USA. The next presidential election will be in 2016.		5	6	7	8
9	10	11 Remembrance Day Join us to remember at St. Mary's Church.  & Diwali The Hindu 'Festival of Lights'. 	12	13 Children in Need Day Non-uniform day! & Class 2 Assembly 	14	15
16 Anti Bullying Week Aims to equip children and young people to recognise and challenge bullying behaviour.	17	18	19 Year 1 & 2 Flu injections	20	21 World Fisheries Day Highlights the critical importance to human lives, of water and the lives it sustains, both in and out of water.	22
23	24	25	26 Thanksgiving Day, USA Eat pumpkin pie! 	27	28 Class 2 'Bright lights, Big City' Educational trip to Newcastle.	29
30 St. Andrew's Day 						

WHERE IN THE WORLD...

VENICE ITALY

1. Step by step Venice was built on 118 little islands, then linked by 400 bridges between 150 canals, and amazingly Venice has 450 palaces. Venice is sinking at the rate of 1-2mm a year.

3. Feeding pigeons is not allowed in Venice.

2. There are a over 400 gondoliers in Venice and all goods including food, water, furniture and building materials are transported by boat.

4. Venice is a very musical city – Antonio Vivaldi was born in Venice, one of his most famous pieces is called The Four Seasons.

5. Every year in January and February thousands visit the Venice Carnival where guests dress in very elaborate costumes and wear masks.



SCIENCE...

WHY DO FIREWORKS FLASH AND BANG?

Fireworks flash and bang because they are full of chemicals that burn.

The chemicals have lots of energy stored in them.

When they burn, the energy changes to light, heat and sound.

We use chemicals that burn in other places too such as cookers, heaters and car engines.

REMEMBER SAFETY FIRST!

