

A Big Snail Update from Irchester!

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There have been lots of goings-on in the Lab_13 snail tank recently, so we thought we'd tell about some of them!



Firstly we have a new arrival in lab_13... It's a snail. His name is Bobby, though we are hoping to change his name, as he doesn't seem to answer to Bobby! A Year 1 boy called William gave us Bobby, because they didn't have enough space for him. Bobby has settled into his new home really nicely, and made great friends with the other snails. We discovered some interesting news: African snails live for about for the average of TEN YEARS!!!! Bobby is only 1 year old, so he should be with us in the lab for about 9 more years!

If you come into the lab, and find a large square of polystyrene on the side of the snails' tank, it's a new heater! We added the heater because the weather is getting colder, and the African snails despise the cold: they originate from Africa which is very hot. The polystyrene insulates the heater and makes sure all the heat goes into the tank. We also added a mesh hole on the lid to give the snails a bit more fresh air.



Recently, the snails have been getting lots of different foods; they especially liked the pumpkin we gave them. These are the food we gave them: pomegranate, pumpkin, courgette, green pepper, kiwi, beans and blackberries. The reason they got such a choice is that year 5 have been investigating different seeds, and learning that anything with seeds inside it is a fruit, including "vegetables" like tomatoes, pumpkins and runner beans! Once year 5 had chopped the fruits up and dug out as many seeds as they could find, we gave the left overs to the snails.



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