4th February 2025  
  
Today I was invited to observe giraffes in their maths lesson.  
This week the focus was on tally charts. Just as the last time I visited giraffes the class room was very calm with a lovely atmosphere. The children and staff were all very welcoming.  
  
Mrs Swift put pictures of animals on the white board and one by one she went around the classroom asking the children which one was their favourite animal. Together they wrote the tally charts on the board.  
  
Mrs Swift and the TAs all had so much time and patience with some of the children who found it very difficult to choose their favourite animal.  
  
The children learned that each line is called a tally. They counted on their fingers using the close a gate technique. Then counted in fives to 100.  
  
After maths the children finished their lesson by doing some meditation as they had been studying Buddhism this week. It was a lovely calming finish after the work and concentration. The children enjoyed this and all got involved.  
  
Thank you for having me I will look forward to my next visit.

Andrea – Class Governor