

Nursery Curriculum Newsletter

February/March 2020

Creative Curriculum Theme – 'Pets and Vets!'

Personal, Social and Emotional

- Share own preferences, thoughts and experiences of animals including family pets.
- Develop play ideas as part of a group through role play in our Nursery Vets.
- Discuss and show an awareness of caring for others, including how to care for animals and living things.

Understanding the World

- Use computers and iPads to retrieve and find out information about different animals and their habitats.
- Make pancakes and find out about Shrove Tuesday.
- Grow vegetables in our Nursery vegetable patch.

Expressive Arts and Design

- Create 'animal art' by experimenting with prints, pattern and texture.
- Use different fine motor techniques to create a playdough pet.

English

We will read: **'Dear Zoo' by Rod Campbell, 'The Great Pet Sale' by Mick Inkpen.**

- Explore a range of stories and books about animals, including non-fiction.
- Continue to learn Jolly Phonics, explore initial sounds, letters and environmental print.
- Create a 'pet for sale' poster and describe different pets.
- Make marks to represent 'writing' in our Vet's roleplay.

Maths

- Use a range of shapes and construction materials to create animal enclosures.
- Take part in creating a 'Pet Pictogram' and explore most and least popular animals.
- Solve number problems linked to the story, Dear Zoo, e.g. how many animals can we fit into the different sized containers?

Physical Education

- Develop control with a variety of mark making tools to form different letter shapes.
- Explore how different animals move.
- Develop scissor skills to snip and cut with increasing accuracy.

Music

- Learn and sing songs about animals: 'Walking through the jungle, 5 little monkeys etc.'
- Explore and listen to different genres of music at our 'Listening Station'.

Reminders:

We continue to have a few items of uniform without any names in—please ensure **all** belongings and uniform are **clearly labelled**.

Staff:

Mrs Powell, Miss
Beddall, Miss Oakley
and Mr Whiley.

