

## Key Books



## Key Experiences

- Learning about different pets and how to care for them.
- Role-play activities: creating pet shops, veterinary clinics, and pet care scenarios.
- Exploring real-life experiences with pets (photos, videos, or supervised visits).

## Key vocabulary

- Pet / Animal / Dog / Cat / Rabbit / Fish / Bird
- Feed / Water / Groom / Walk / Care / Play
- Home / Bed / Bowl / Toy
- Responsible / Kind / Gentle

## Personal, Social & Emotional Development

- Continuing to develop friendships through shared activities.
- Practising empathy and care by looking after role-play pets.
- Taking turns and sharing resources.
- Talking about their own experiences with pets or favourite animals.

## Communication & Language

- Following simple instructions in role-play and daily routines.
- Talking about pets, their needs, and what they do.
- Listening to and enjoying stories, rhymes, and songs about pets.
- Expanding vocabulary with names of pets, actions, and care routines.

## Physical Development

- Developing fine motor skills through practical activities, role-play, and using everyday tools and materials.
- Practising large movements through active games, imaginative play, and outdoor exploration.
- Developing coordination and spatial awareness during role-play, group activities, and outdoor play.
- Practising self-care routines, including handwashing, dressing, and personal hygiene.

## Literacy

- Listening to and joining in with pet-themed stories, rhymes, and songs.
- Drawing or marking pictures of pets and their accessories.
- Phonics – Continue to develop phonological awareness through Phase 1 activities.

## Expressive Arts & Design

- Engaging in imaginative role-play as pet owners, veterinarians, or animal carers.
- Creating pet-related props, toys, and accessories using craft materials.
- Exploring sensory play with materials such as sand, water, and playdough to represent pet habitats.
- Building small-world settings like homes, aquariums, or animal pens.

## Nursery

### **Summer Term 2**

### Our topic is:

## **Pets**

### Mini themes:

Caring for pets: feeding, grooming, and exercise

Types of pets: cats, dogs, rabbits, fish, birds

Pet habitats and needs

Responsibility and kindness

## Mathematics

- Weight
- Capacity
- Positional language

## Understanding the World

- Exploring different types of pets and their needs.
- Learning about habitats and what pets eat.
- Discussing responsibility, kindness, and caring for living things.
- Comparing pets to animals in the wild and understanding differences.

## How you can help at home

Practise weekly 'rhyme of the week' at home.

Practise the key vocabulary linked to our topic (see above).

Help your child to develop fine motor skills and hand eye coordination through a range of fun activities at home.

We will post more information to support you with these on Class Dojo throughout the half-term.

## Class Dojo

Please make sure you check Class Dojo regularly for updates and information. You can also contact us via Class Dojo if you have any questions 😊

