



All of our learning this half term is themed around our topic of Vets and Pets.



**Focus area: Communication and Interaction**

We will learn a range of vocabulary related to animals, their habitats and their needs. Using these words we can play lots of games to practise using the new vocabulary. We will also learn Makaton signs for a lot of the words. The children will also be working on their questioning skills so that they can find out more that they want to know.

**Focus area: Social, Emotional Wellbeing and Mental Health**

We will learn about different kinds of pets and how they need looking after. This can then be related to how they need help, how to ask for help and how they can help others.

**Focus area: Independence and Self Help and Preparation for Adulthood (Life Skills)**

Being aware of how we stay healthy and safe around animals – hygiene, asking owners first if their pet is friendly before touching them, being gentle.

**In the complementary areas of our curriculum (understanding the world, expressive arts and design, sensory and physical development, mathematics, literacy and RE) some of the tasks we will do are:**

- Explore different habitats around the world and the animals that live in them
- Being aware of how we (and professionals) look after pets and other animals
- Taking part in vet role play activities
- With Christmas coming up at the end of term, there will be many opportunities for singing, arts and crafts
- Explore the local area for signs of Autumn and changes in Winter – related to the animals we may see around us.

Our PE days this half term are Monday (Gymnastics) and Friday (Horse riding/in school activities)