

**Project Overview**

**Our project this term is all about “How can we look after our pets?” We will be looking at the different types of animals we might have as our pets and how we can care for each of these. We will be reading stories related to each pet and watching pet related shows, such as Wonderpets, and relate these to each focus and each pet. The children will then produce a page of information about each different pet that will be collated into a book, which will then be sold at the Blue Cross for a donation of 50p. We will present the book to you as part of our exhibition. Any money raised will be donated to the Blue Cross. The children will be hooked into their learning through a visit from Blue Cross, talking about pet care and dog safety. There is also an opportunity for each child to bring in their pet (with you!) to talk about how they look after their pet at home (time slots will be arranged).**



**How can we look after our pets?**

**Immersive Environment**

Our classroom will be transformed into a Vets surgery, pet shop, cattery, fish tank, and reptile enclosure and a dog kennel and will include:

A cat scratching post and enclosure

Water tank

Sandy area for reptiles

Vets area

Pet shop investigation area

Stables outside

**Project Based Learning**

Reception/FS2

Term 3

2015/2016

**Curriculum Opportunities**

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

Show sensitivity to others (e.g. animals)

Talk about likes and dislikes, regarding diet

Communication and Language

Listening carefully to instructions

Speaking clearly, giving instructions clearly

Physical Development

Looking at why hygiene practices are important to good health

Experiment with different ways of moving

Talk about healthy eating

Literacy

Writing instructions about how to groom a dog

Write a recipe and instructions about how to make a rabbit salad

Write fiction stories about how it feels to be a stray cat (thinking about the importance of keeping our cats safe)

Mathematics

Solve problems involving measures

Solve problems combining groups of 2, 5, or 10

Understanding the World

Looking at where the different animals originate from and the differences in their environments

Talk about the different animals – looking at similarities and differences

Select technology for particular purposes

Expressive Arts and Design

Explore a variety of materials

Creating, designing and making animals enclosures

Design an advert for a local vets

**Project Outcomes**

This project will involve the children using cross-curricular skills to help them answer the essential question of “How can we look after our pets?”

The final project will be on Friday 15th July and will consist of the class launching their book informing other children how to look after their pets. We will give you a presentation and offer you the opportunity to buy this book we have produced. All exhibitions will be in the hall, times for each class are as follows: Fir 9:30am, Willow 11:00am and Cherry 1:30pm. We will also be giving some of our books to sell at the Blue Cross for a suggested donation of 50p, we will revisit this local charity at the end to find out the total about we have raised for the Blue Cross.

**Project Enhancements**

Visits – Dog groomers (Grimsby College), Pets at home (Wednesday 25th May), Blue cross

Visitors – Pet shop, Blue Cross

Class books – Dogs (Emily Gravett); Lost Cat (Roger Mader); I wanna iguana (Karen Kaufman); A horse to love: An enchanted stables story; Mog goes to the V.E.T (Judith Kerr)

Creative Home Learning – Can you make a frame and put a picture of your pet in for the classroom? If you do not have a pet could draw a picture of the pet you would like?



**Project Timeline**

Focus 1

Dogs – How can we groom a dog?

Focus 2

Cats – How to keep them close?

Focus 3

Reptiles (Tortoises) – What temperature should we have for our tortoise?

Focus 4

Small animals (Rabbits/Guinea pig) – How can we make a healthy rabbit salad?

Focus 5

Fish – How many fish should we have in one tank to make sure they are clean and healthy?

Focus 6

Horse – Can we make an ideal stable?

Focus 7

Vets – Can we create an advert for the Blue Cross?

**How can you help?**

If you feel you can help us with our project this term we would love to hear from you, especially if you have a pet at home!

You can also help with the project by doing the following at home:

* Reading pet or animal books at home
* Watching “Wonderpets”
* Talking about the work of different local charities

Useful websites:

<http://www.freekidscrafts.com/animal-crafts-for-kids/pet-crafts-for-kids/>

- This website has got lots of pet craft ideas

<http://www.peteducationresources.co.uk/learning-resources/for-teachers/early-years> - Has got a lot of links to pet charities and related activities