

Can I have a dog?



How much is that doggy in the window? Can I have a dog? How will I look after it? It's time to find out all about pets and how to care for them.

This half term, we will have a small dog and their owner come into nursery. We will ask lots of questions about how to look after pets and what they eat and drink. Our role play vets surgery will keep us busy, as we'll bathe, bandage and feed toy animals. Using our problem-solving skills, we'll sort pet care items using different criteria. Getting creative, we'll use stencils to create animal prints. In our Literacy work, we'll share books, reading animal names and exploring the initial sounds and attempt to write simple CVC words. We'll take a walk on the wild side when we practise moving like animals. Will we curl up like a cat or run like a dog? Inspired by pictures of amazing animals, we'll draw the pet we would like and write its name. Using our maths skills, we'll count the dogs in different sets.

At the end of the project, we'll make a collaborative scrapbook and share stories about our pets.

Areas of learning	Early Learning Goals
Communication and language	Listening and attention; Understanding; Speaking
Physical development	Moving and handling
Personal, social and emotional development	Self-confidence and self-awareness; Managing feelings and behaviour
Literacy	Reading; Writing
Mathematics	Numbers
Understanding the world	The world; Technology
Expressive arts and design	Exploring and using media and materials; Being imaginative

Help your child prepare for their project

Let's learn about pets! Why not use natural materials to make a 'big art' pet picture in the garden? Don't forget to take a photograph! You could also visit a friend or family member to find out how they look after their pet. You might even be allowed to hold it! Alternatively, play 'pet shops' using toy animals, taking it in turns to buy them using coins.