



## How do we look after our pets?

27th February – 7<sup>th</sup> April 2015

### What are we going to be learning?

During this theme we will be learning what animals need to live and what we need to do if we have a pet. We would like children to bring in photos of them with their pet or with a friends pet if they do not have one. We will find out which animals are suitable to have as pets, which animals live on a farm and which animals we might see in a zoo. We will be thinking of good words to describe different animals. We will be using the library to find information books about different animals and reading about the needs of different animals. Our role play house will have pets to look after and we will have a pet shop followed by a vets. We will use the pet shop to write lists and solve number problems. We will learn about weight in the vets and compare the weight of our patients. We will use small world animals to set up farms and zoos and make up our own stories about them. We will also be learning about how to stay safe around animals, especially ones we don't know.

### What will the hook be?

Mucky Bucket Farm to visit Owls and Owlets.  
Reception to visit Pets at Home

### How will we celebrate learning outcomes?

Making an Easter nest.

### How can learning be extended at home? (Your child will also bring home tasks in their home learning folder and also see the reading record)

Talk to your child about how animals need looking after. If you have a pet let your child help to feed, clean it out or exercise it. Encourage your child to draw a picture or write about what they have done to look after a pet, then bring it in to show us. Talk to your child about what animals look like. Use words such as hairy, furry, spotty or stripy. Use the correct name for things like hooves and paws.

### Events, trips, visits, visitors to support this cluster of learning and any other notable dates:

Week beginning 27th February	Week beginning 6 <sup>th</sup> March	Week beginning 13 <sup>th</sup> March	Week beginning 20 <sup>th</sup> March	Week beginning 27 <sup>th</sup> March	Week beginning 3 <sup>rd</sup> April
Reception walk to Pets at Home this week.  2 <sup>nd</sup> March World Book Day- come to school dressed as a character from a book.	9 <sup>th</sup> Mucky Bucket farm visiting Owls and Owlets		22 <sup>nd</sup> Parents Evening 3.15-5.30pm  23 <sup>rd</sup> Mother's Day Assembly for Robins and Puffins  23 <sup>rd</sup> Parents Evening 5-7pm	28 <sup>th</sup> Show and Share	Making Easter nests