

Pets in Primary School

If your school has animals on site, here is how you can include them in your lessons.

If you'd like one of our education team to come to your school to run a free pet care or dog safety talk email: education@bluecross.org.uk



Literacy - Spoken Word

- Speaking audibly and fluently. e.g. discussing ideas/opinions to animal
- Selecting appropriate vocabulary for effective communication

Literacy - Writing

- Reading own writing clearly out loud
- Writing range of fictional text based around pet in school (e.g. stories, diary entry based on day in the life of...)
- Writing a range of non-fictional texts based on pets (eg. non-chronological reports, newspaper articles and instructions)

Literacy - Reading

Reading to a school pet can help children to gain confidence in their own reading ability. They can read without being interrupted and any words they find they cannot pronounce they can research later.

- Reading fictional/non-fictional books for a range of purposes.

History

- Blue Cross in WW1/WW2
- Understanding the use of animals in the wars
- Animals in different civilisations (Egyptians, Romans, Greeks etc.)

Maths

- Using pets as a case study for maths problems
- For example, working out how much a pet will cost using pounds and pence
- Collecting data on the class's favourite animals and creating graphs from the results
- Using the school pet in a series of word problems

Languages

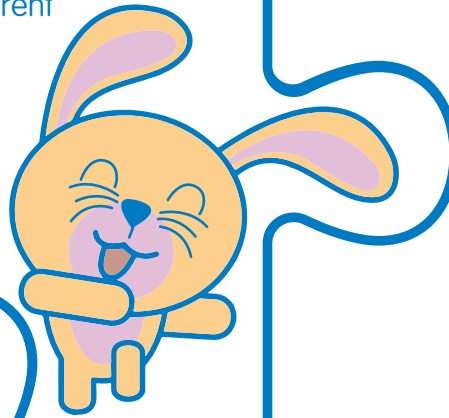
- Practising new vocabulary out loud with school pet
- Using pets to learn about names of animals
- Writing down simple sentences and reading them out loud to school pet

PHSE

- Presenting clear for/against arguments on topics based on pets eg. using Blue Cross case studies
- Discussing pet welfare as a group.
- Identifying how exercise is beneficial eg. use example of how school pet exercises and how this helps its well-being.

PE

- Creating dances based on different animals



Art

- Creating collages, paintings, sculptures on school pet/animals
- Using a range of materials to create artwork
- Using a range of equipment to create artwork
- Create animal masks

Information Technology

- Using Microsoft suite to create PowerPoint and Word documents on pets
- Website design on how to look after animals
- Researching animal care safely on line and considering this before buying a pet

Science

- Identifying the teeth and diets of different animals.
- Finding out and describing the basic needs of animals.
- Recognise the impact of diet and exercise on the body eg looking into how a dog can provide exercise, or how to ensure a pet is given the correct foods for their diet



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We change theirs

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