

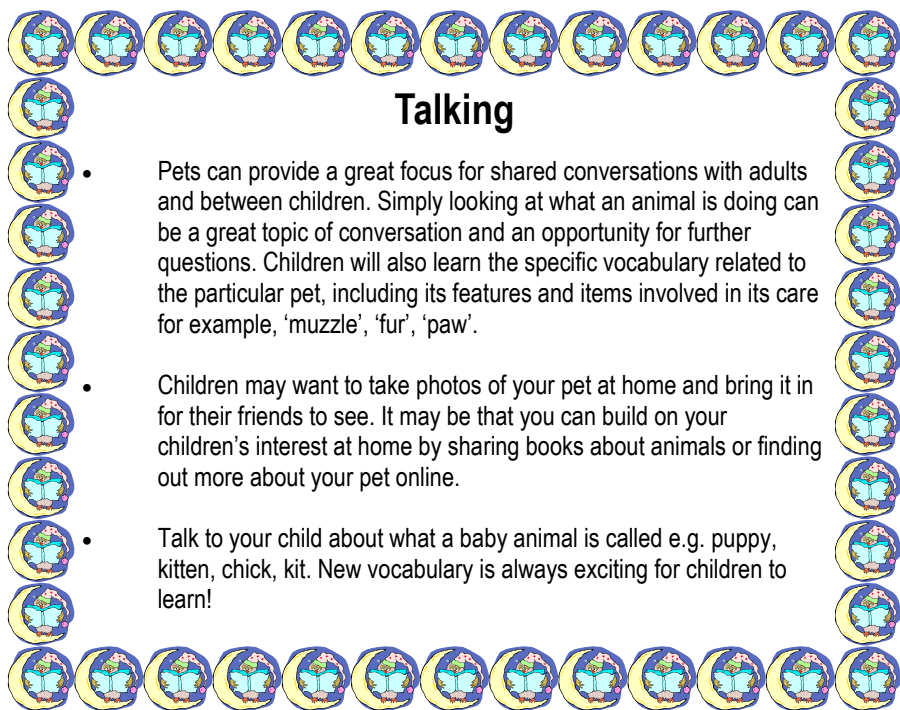


Nursery Newsletter

Term 4



Our theme this term is **Pets**. We will be learning and talking about the different animals that we keep as Pets, alongside discovering the wonderful celebration of Easter and Spring. Here are some fun suggestions to support your child at home.



Talking

- Pets can provide a great focus for shared conversations with adults and between children. Simply looking at what an animal is doing can be a great topic of conversation and an opportunity for further questions. Children will also learn the specific vocabulary related to the particular pet, including its features and items involved in its care for example, 'muzzle', 'fur', 'paw'.
- Children may want to take photos of your pet at home and bring it in for their friends to see. It may be that you can build on your children's interest at home by sharing books about animals or finding out more about your pet online.
- Talk to your child about what a baby animal is called e.g. puppy, kitten, chick, kit. New vocabulary is always exciting for children to learn!

Making

- It will soon be Pancake Day! Why not make some delicious pancakes, and share photos with us on ClassDojo.
- Invite your child to create a pet animal using junk modelling resources. Perhaps a toilet roll Sausage Dog?! Or a paper plate pet face?



In the Nursery this term

Stay and Play

We will be holding some stay and play sessions towards the end of term. During this time, you will be able to play alongside your child and learn from the team how we further develop children's language and communication skills. It will also be an opportunity for you to discuss your child with their Key Person, and to look at their Learning Journal. Dates to follow!

World Book Day

We will be celebrating World Book Day on **Thursday 2nd March**. Children can dress as a book character or come in pyjamas to share their favourite bedtime story. Remember each child will receive a book voucher to redeem for a book at the Book Fair.

Attendance and Punctuality

A big thank you for all families getting to Nursery on time to drop off and pick up at the end of the session. It is important that we do not interrupt the children's focused group times if at all possible. Coming to Nursery each day has many benefits for your child supporting their learning and well-being. If your child is too unwell for school please let us know on the first day, by phone or email; minor coughs, colds and being tired are all things that we can support the children with at Nursery.

"The greatest gift you can give your child is the gift of reading"

At Cecil Road Nursery we are passionate about reading. The children will be using the Library again this term as part of their learning. We will be changing their library books, and ask that you support this by returning the books to School once you have finished sharing at home. In addition to this we will be continuing to send out Story Sacks for the children to enjoy, and to put out the Parent Lending Library at pick-up times.

You can help your child by:

- Sharing new books with them
- Listening to and singing songs and rhymes
- Reading them a story at bedtime
- Telling your own fictional stories
- Reading well-loved traditional stories