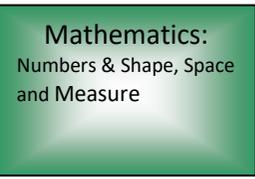
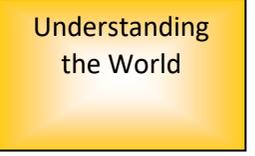


St Thomas More R.C. Primary – Nursery Class

What I am Learning – Spring 2: Pets

Text: Our Very Own Dog

Area of Learning	Activities	Area of Learning	Activities
	<p>In Literacy we will be focusing on two key texts. Our Very Own Dog and All About Cats. We will be listening to these stories and trying to re-tell them. Children will develop listening skills and trying to sustain concentration during carpet sessions. Children will be encouraged to converse with others and use correct tenses.</p>		<p>In our maths sessions we will continue to practise our oral counting skills and work on counting with one to one correspondence. Children will be encouraged to use numbers within their play. Number formation is also really important and we will continue to form numerals throughout the day.</p> <p>We will look at using positional language correctly.</p>
	<p>In PE this half term we will be focusing on balance. We will practise our balancing skills with lots of different equipment in the hall. Children will be encouraged to write their name daily when completing pieces of work. They will also practise their pencil control and letter formation during phonics sessions. We will take part in “Write Dance” every Friday morning which is a scheme developed to focus on fine and gross motor skills.</p>		<p>Through our topic work we will discuss how to take care of pets and what we need to do to look after them. Linked with Literacy, we will be writing a set of instructions on how to take care of a pet. If you have pets at home we would love to hear about them, children may bring in photos.</p> <p>We will also look at changes in weather and explore our outdoor area for any creatures. The children will have access to the class computer and interactive whiteboard to practise their technology skills.</p>
	<p>We will continue to reinforce our positive class rules and boundaries. Every Friday a child will be chosen for “star of the week” and will be sent home with the class bear for the weekend. We are also encouraging the children to take turns and create positive relationships with others. Through our RE work, we will be talking about ‘Lent’ and what we can do to be more like Jesus.</p>		<p>We will have access to continuous provision inside and outside the classroom and we will have the opportunity to paint, create, build and make models of their choice.</p> <p>We will also continue to role play; which will vary from domestic role play opportunities such as a house; to imaginative role play too.</p>
	<p>This half term we will be sharing stories based around our topic of “pets.” Our phonics groups will continue on a daily basis whereby children will be exposed to letter sounds. They will learn how to represent these sounds in writing. They will also learn how to blend letters together to start to read cvc and cvcc words.</p>		<p>We will continue to access our outdoor area on a daily basis. Our provision includes; sand, water, reading area, small world, construction, writing and mark making and role play areas. Please ensure your child has appropriate outdoor clothing as we access the outdoor area throughout each day.</p>

*When working on our text, we always try to select a story that the children may not have seen before we do not read the whole story initially. We work on the text over the course of the half term, and unpick each section, our focussed activities and challenges are based upon the part of the story we are working on to keep an element of surprise and suspense. If you do wish to read the story at home with your child, please could you do so once we have completed our topic and text work, thank you.