

Science Theme Weeks

Title: Animal Antics

Year: 2		
Duration: 2 weeks		
Teaching Ideas	Subject	National Curriculum Objectives
<p>Pupils will learn about the basic needs of animals and about how to take care of a range of animals, including common pets / farm animals.</p> <p>Pupils could visit a local farm (Cannon Hall / Farmer Copleys) in order to learn about and observe animals closely first-hand. They should learn about the diets of different animals at different stages of their life.</p> <p>They should learn about the similarities and differences between adults and their off-spring.</p> <p>Pupils should create their own vets surgery within their classroom (for example with different departments/surgeries for farm animals, wildlife and pets), thinking about all of the different equipment they will need to care for the animals.</p> <p>They should create their own 'Care Guide' for different animals.</p>	<p>Animals</p> <p>Literacy links: Instructions</p> <p>Class novel: Stories by the same author – James Herriot's Treasury for Children</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Observing closely • Asking simple questions and recognising that they can be answered in different ways • Using their observations and ideas to suggest answers to questions • Explore and compare the differences between things that are living, dead, and things that have never been alive • Identify that most living things live in habitats to which they are suited and describe how different habitats provide for the basic needs of different kinds of animals and plants, and how they depend on each other • Find out about and describe the basic needs of animals for survival (water, food and air) • Describe how animals obtain their food from plants and other animals, using the idea of a simple food chain, and identify and name different sources of food • Know that animals have offspring which grow into adults