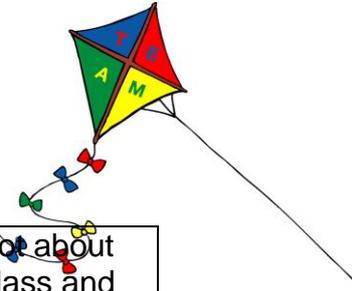


Children's Interests



The vet role play area has been a big interest and we have learnt a lot about what pets need. Health and fitness are also current themes for the class and the children were particularly interested in Joseph's book about the human body. Outside there have been lots of fire and rescue scenarios! Thankfully the water tray has been on hand to ensure the "fires" are safely put out!

Prime Areas

Physical Development including Hand Gym:

- Big brush painting using whole arm movement
- Pegs in boards
- Hammering golf tees into boxes

Communication and Language:

- Use language of dialling 999 for help – fire and rescue!
- Sharing of books in small groups
- Language of helping and caring in vet role play area

Personal Social and Emotional Development:

- Adult support to share and take turns
- Continue to discuss what hands and feet are for ie for helping and playing together nicely

Specific Areas

Literacy including Phonics:

- Writing opportunities such as filling in a fire report form or making fire safety posters
- Pet check forms in vets
- Recognising, reading and writing sounds **b,f,l/l,ss** and high frequency words "**on,**" "**cat,**" "**can**" and "**if.**"

Mathematics:

- Talk about and build with 3d shapes
- Practise number formation
- Counting objects up to 20 or beyond

Understanding the World

- Sorting animals into wild and pet sets
- Find out about people who help us eg vets and the fire brigade

Expressive Art and Design:

- Use push pins to make a pet carrier that opens to reveal a pet!
- Learn and sing the songs for our nativity performance
- Free painting/ drawing
- Make a picture of an emergency services vehicle

How you can help at home:

Please keep practising our sounds and words. Mrs Simmonds, (Robert's mum), has told me about an app on the bbc "alphablocks" site that has a fun and simple activity blending short words. Alternatively you can write letters on a strip and cut them up to encourage your child to make simple 3 letter words eg pen/mug/ tap etc and practise counting the phonemes.

Many thanks! Mrs McQueen