

# Reception Medium Term Plan – Pets Paradise 2025 - 2026

## Literacy

During this topic, students will continue to develop their letter formation skills and practice writing their names. They will also learn to identify the initial sounds in words and begin to segment and blend sounds in simple words. To enhance their learning experience, students will utilize various mark-making materials such as chalk, paint, and sand to draw their favorite pets and write the initial sounds associated with them.

## Personal, Social and Emotional Development

During this topic, children will develop their responsibility skills by learning about the care and needs of pets. They will explore the concept of caring for living things, including each other. With guidance, they will select and engage in various activities that promote learning and understanding. Students will be encouraged to take turns and engage in cooperative play while looking after soft toy pets. These experiences will foster a sense of responsibility and empathy in the children as they learn to care for others and their environment.

## Physical Development

During this topic, children will continue to enhance their pencil grip, movement, and balancing skills. They will engage in activities that involve using and remembering sequences and patterns of movement, particularly those related to music and rhythm. Additionally, they will have the opportunity to get creative by making plasticine animals and constructing animal homes using construction toys. These activities will promote fine motor skills, coordination, and imaginative play in the children.

## Art and Expressive design

Children will engage in various activities related to pets. They will have the opportunity to explore pet roleplay areas, such as pretending to be veterinarians or pet owners. Songs and rhymes about pets will be introduced to enhance their learning experience. The children will also get creative by making pet masks and using paint or wet sand to create pet fingerprints. Additionally, they will enjoy coloring pictures of different pets.

## Communication and Language

Children will participate in pet description games, where they will practice describing different pets. During circle time, they will have the opportunity to share their feelings about taking care of pets and discuss the importance of caring for living things. Students will collaborate to develop a set of rules for pet care. They will enhance their storytelling skills by retelling stories in a more detailed manner. They will engage in listening games to identify and recognize pet sounds. Songs and rhymes related to pets will also be included in their learning activities.



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## Understanding the world

Children will have the opportunity to explore various animals, learning about their names, habitats, diets, and babies. They will also explore the concept of taking care of pets and understanding their needs. Through discussions and activities, they will express their preferences by sharing their favorite pet and explaining why it holds that special place for them. Furthermore, they will engage in conversations where they can describe what they see using a wide range of vocabulary, enhancing their language skills and observation abilities.

## Maths

Children will focus on developing their skills in number formation, recognition, and ordering from 0 to 10. They will engage in activities that involve creating repeating patterns using small world pet toys. They will also practice finding one more or one less from groups of objects, ranging from up to five objects to ten objects. Additionally, students will explore and describe relative positions, such as "behind" or "next to." They will have discussions and hands-on experiences with 2D and 3D shapes, using mathematical language to describe their properties.