



# MANILA'S



# Useful Information



## Spring 2

### Topic: Pets and Vets



This half term, we are going to start the topic "Pets and Vets". We will be learning about:

- Pets. We will think about our pets and friend's pets and learn about what kind of animals we can have as pets.
- School Nurse. We will meet the school nurse so we can ask her about what pets normally eat.
- Teachers. Our school is full of teachers! This means we can ask them all lots of questions about how they all train pets in different ways!

### Literacy:



We will be reading these two books:

- *Our very own Dog* by Amanda McCardie
- *Vet* by Ando Twin

"Our very own dog" demonstrates the daily joys of dog and human companionship.

"Vet" helps children understand what Vets do, and the amazing illustrations provide lots of talking points about why their job is so important!



### Phonics:



In Nursery, we are continuing to learn Phonic Phase 1. We are also starting to look at initial sounds in words. E.g. 'W' for 'Water'.

This includes:

- Aural discrimination practice
- Listening to environmental sounds
- Beginning to learn Letter sound discrimination & learning letter names.
- Talking about story line, words, sounds, playing with sounds.

### Maths:



This half term we will be focusing on:

Fast recognition of up to 5 objects without having to count them individually - which we call **subitizing**

Children will:

- Show finger numbers up to 5
- Sing number songs with the number 5, such as:
  - 5 little ducks
  - 5 little men in a flying saucer
  - 5 little speckled frogs
- Continuing our learning about weight, expanding to length, size and height.

### Physical Development (PD):



#### Gross motor skills:

Work with others to manage large items, such as moving a long plank safely.

Increasingly able to move to music and rhythm.

#### Fine motor skills:

Showing a preference for a dominant hand when mark-making.

Focusing on independence in getting dressed.

Attempting buttons on coats, zips and putting fingered gloves on.

## Understanding the World (UW):



This half term we will be learning about:

Collections of materials with similar and/or different properties.

Different occupations.

Explore and talk about different forces they can feel.

Talk about the differences between materials and changes they notice.

## Other Areas of Learning



### Communication and Language:

Children will be able to:

Use a wider range of vocabulary.

Begin to understand and respond to 'why' questions.

Know many rhymes, be able to talk about familiar books, and be able to tell a long story.

Enjoy listening to longer stories and can remember much of what happens.

## Home Learning:

We will give you a storybook to read to your child every week. Please read every day with your child for 15 minutes. Make it a special, cosy time you both enjoy and have fun with. Please return books to be changed on **Fridays**. You can start to count up to 5, 10 and 20 if you are enjoying numbers at home!



## Rights Respecting:

This half term we will focus on our **right to be and feel safe**.



## Language of the Half Term:

Our language of the half term is Albanian.

Our Albanian community represents 2.8% of our families.



## Poem of the Half Term:

Our poem this half term is 'Mrs. Bluebird' from Poetry Basket



## Skills Builder:

This half term, we will be focusing on: **Leadership** and **Creativity**.



## Key Dates:

- 19th February - Start of Spring Term 2
- 20th February - School Uniform recycling
- 20th February - Stay & Play
- 23rd February - Birthday Bash
- 27th February - Parents Coffee morning
- 1st March - Athens (Y4) Class Assembly
- 5th March - SATs meeting for parents KS2
- 7th March - World Book Day
- 8th March - Washington (Y3) class assembly
- 19th March - Stay & Play
- 24th March - Havana (Y1) Class assembly
- 24th March - Birthday Bash
- 27th March - Parents Coffee Morning
- 28th March - End of Term - Children finish at 1.30pm
- 15th April - Start of Summer term 1



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