

Dear Families,

**Book of the week:** Some Pets by Angela DiTerlizzi

**Song of the week:** One, Two Buckle my Shoe

**Makaton sign:** pets

**Sound of the week:** “y” as in yap, yellow, yoyo

This week, we have been thinking all about pets! The children have absolutely loved talking about the special animals they have at home. They took great pride in sharing photographs and telling stories about their pets, from playful dogs to sleepy cats and everything in between. It has been wonderful to see the children speaking so enthusiastically about their furry friends.

These conversations inspired some lovely imaginative play throughout the week. We have had visits to the vet for dogs with sore legs and even a cat who may have enjoyed a few too many treats! The children fully embraced these role-play opportunities, showing empathy, creativity and lots of humour along the way.

Alongside our pet adventures, we have also been exploring patterns, an important early mathematical concept. While creating their own pet snakes, the children made repeating patterns using different shapes and colours. This fun activity also helped to develop their problem-solving skills and understanding of mathematical relationships.

We have also started thinking about transition for the children moving to Reception in September. We are excited to share a special transition initiative for this group of children.

Starting next half term, the children will be given a Year 1 buddy. They will spend one morning playtime, in groups, with their Year 1 buddy on the school playground. These sessions are designed to help the children feel more comfortable and confident about the move to Reception. For children moving on to a different school, these friendships will still provide a lovely opportunity to build confidence and gain a little glimpse of what September may bring.

We are really looking forward to seeing these special relationships grow and supporting all of our children through this exciting next step.

Have a wonderful weekend

The Pre-school team

