

### Communication & Language

- Contribute to group discussions.
- Express ideas and feelings verbally.
- Demonstrate auditory cloze.
- Recite some rhymes without adult support.
- Pay attention while others speak for an increasing time.

### Physical Development

- Run with control over stopping and turning.
- Demonstrate increased hand-eye co-ordination.
- Build a structure with blocks.
- Demonstrate increasing strength in fine motor activities.

### Personal, Social & Emotional Development

- Choose from several activities.
- Display a sense of humour.
- Assume responsibility for tidying up.
- Show pride in accomplishments.
- Demonstrate initiative in activities.
- Make increasingly independent decisions.
- Participate in Story Time and other group times.
- Show increasing skill in co-operative play.
- Participate in group decision making.

### Vocabulary

bird  
cat  
dog  
feathers  
fish  
fur  
gentle  
kid (i.e. baby goat)  
lizard  
pet  
rabbit  
scales  
snake  
vet

## Pet Parade - Learning Focus

### Thematic Concepts

- Animals kept as pets are usually different from animals not kept as pets.
- Pets need shelter, food, water, love, exercise and veterinary care.

- Pets have fur, feathers or scales as skin coverings.
- Different people like different pets.
- Pets rely on people to provide for their needs.

### Literacy

- Tell, or retell a simple story.
- Identify some letter names and consonant sounds in context.
- Know that letters combine to create words that convey meaning.

### Mathematics

- Demonstrate one-to-one correspondence up to 5.
- Count objects to 10.
- Recognise some numbers.
- Observe and compare objects.

### Understanding the World

- Demonstrate visual discrimination.
- Make simple inferences and predictions.
- Demonstrate scientific method.
- Solve simple problems.

### Expressive Arts and Design

- Experiment with and gain skill in using a variety of creative art materials.
- Explore music and rhythm with increasing control.
- Take on increasingly complex roles and leadership in dramatic play activities.

**NOTE:** Communication and Language development is a major focus in Curiosity Corner. This is best achieved through consistent teacher modelling, use of talk partners and co-operative learning strategies and encouraging children to work together.