

### Communication & Language

- Use increasingly complex vocabulary.
- Understand and use prepositions appropriately.
- Elaborate on responses with justifications.
- Ask questions leading to discussions.
- Listen attentively to stories.
- Make predictions about stories.
- Pay attention while others speak.

### Physical Development

- Will run, hop, skip and jump with increasing facility.
- Co-ordinate hand movements.

### Personal, Social & Emotional Development

- Connect consequences to their actions.
- Demonstrate confidence in their abilities.
- Assume classroom chores without being asked.
- Take turns and share.
- Respect differences.
- Participate in group activities.
- Respond appropriately to the feelings of others.

### Vocabulary

animals  
backbone  
birds  
clock  
equal  
quarters  
fur  
generous  
groom  
halves  
hour  
hunting  
mammals  
pet  
responsible  
thirds  
vet  
whole  
wild  
zoo

## Fur and Feathers - Learning Focus

### Thematic Concepts

- Some animals make good pets.
- Pets need special care.
- Pets and people have special feelings for each other.
- Some animals do not make good pets and need to live in the wild.
- Animals from all over the world can live in zoos.

- Mammals have backbones and hair, and they breathe air.
- Mammals give birth to and nurse their young.
- Birds and mammals have different characteristics.
- Each animal species has a habitat that best suits its needs.
- There are many animal species in the world.

### Literacy

- Identify initial, final and medial phonemes in words.
- Demonstrate an increasing awareness of the function of writing.
- Blend sounds to read words.
- Read some sight words.
- Read groups of words.
- Recall facts from a story previously read.
- Retell a story previously read.
- Answer higher order questions about text previously read.
- Explore books independently.

### Mathematics

- Determine fair shares.
- Identify halves, thirds, quarters.
- Identify time of day.
- Compare lengths of time.
- Identify parts of a clock.
- Tell time to the hour.
- Identify equal parts of a whole.
- Understand vocabulary related to position in space.

### Understanding the World

- Demonstrate an awareness beyond the community.
- Identify roles of parents, grandparents and siblings.
- Identify selected animals by known characteristics.
- Expand their knowledge of the basic environment and nutritional needs of animals.
- Collect and describe information.
- Classify objects by physical characteristics, classify by an increasing number of characteristics.
- Distinguish between imaginary and real situations.
- Respect the natural world and its resources.
- Ask scientific questions.

### Expressive Arts and Design

- Compare and contrast artistic representations.
- Explore creative ways of moving to music.
- Sing and perform movements.
- Pretend with objects.
- Experiment with a variety of art materials.
- Take on increasingly complex dramatic roles.
- Dramatise buying, selling, using currency.

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