

Amazing Animals

Pets



Suggested Stories/Texts:

- Dog's Colorful Day (Emma Dodd, counting)
- Hairy Maclary from Donaldson's Dairy (Lynley Dodd, rhyming)

Songs:

- How much is that doggy in the window?

Suggested Activities:

Do you have a pet or know someone who has? What does that animal need to keep healthy? Together, make a name label for the pet or a list of things it needs (adult writing & saying sounds).

If you don't have a pet, why not make one? Wash out old yoghurt pots, plastic bottle lids (eyes), collect small boxes & toilet roll tubes & use Sellotape or glue to join them together. As it is your pet, be creative! How many eyes? Legs? Tails?

If you have brother/sister at home, play vets. What is wrong with your pet? How can the vet make it better? The 'vet' can make notes (demonstrate writing for a reason: "Come back in 5 days" etc.)

Birds

Suggested Stories/Texts:

- The Owl Babies (Martin Waddell)
- The Birdwatchers (Simon James)

Songs:

- 2 Little Dicky Birds Sitting on a Wall
- 5 Little Ducks Went Swimming One Day

Suggested Activities:

How many birds can you spot outside? Make a small mark on paper for each bird (tally lines). Count the lines you've drawn. Can you find out the names of any of the birds?

Nests: Birds make nests to lay their eggs in. Can you find small twigs, moss or feathers to make a tiny nest of your own? Wash hands after 😊

Each kind of bird has its own song. Listen to some on Youtube, which is your favourite?

Do you have a bath toy duck? Does it "float" or "sink"? Can you find anything else that floats in water? What is it made of?



Minibeasts



Suggested Stories/Texts:

- The Very Hungry Caterpillar (Eric Carle)
- What the ladybird heard (Julia Donaldson)

Songs:

- There's a worm at the bottom of the garden and his name is wiggly wool!
- Incey Wincey Spider
- There's a tiny caterpillar on a leaf

Suggested Activities:

Spider Hunt around your house! If you have a garden, see if you can find any spiders' webs! Why do spiders spin webs?

With parent, use edge of a small piece of cardboard to print lines on paper to make a spiders' web. If you have glue, you could make the web with glue, then sprinkle glitter on! If you don't have paint, try making a 'web' with ketchup on a slice of bread! (Edible art!)

How many legs do spider have? Can you draw one?