

PERFECT PETS

YEAR 3 TOPIC NEWSLETTER AUTUMN TERM 1



MAIN FOCUS

This topic will focus upon:

- **English** where the children will learn how to write a story similar to that of 'The Hospital Dog'. They will also write persuasive letters.
- **Art** where the children will investigate the work of Simon Chadwick and Beatrix Potter before drawing different dogs using their style. They will create a front cover for their stories.
- **Music** where the children will explore rhythm and pitch.

The following are not linked to the topic:

- **PSHE** where the children will explore family relationships.
- **RE** where the children will learn about the concept of identity.
- **Computing** where the children will learn how to improve their typing speed.

HOOK

On the first day of their topic, the children will:

- meet Tommy, our school dog
- meet an ambulance crew and see their ambulance
- learn some basic first aid
- be visited by local illustrator Simon Chadwick, who will show them how to draw their own 'Perfect Pet'.

Later in the term, the children will meet a dog from the Pets As Therapy charity.

TOPIC WORDS

These ten words are key words that your child will encounter this topic. Please help them to learn them at home:

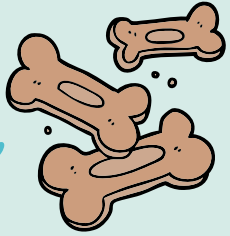
animal, Dalmation, training, hospital, support, cartoon, comfort, family, collar, lead

LEARNING EXPERIENCES

- **English:** exploring character's personalities and feelings, hot seating, writing in role, describing settings, describing characters, editing and improving, visiting Totton Library.
- **Art:** investigating the style of an artist, designing and creating their very own dog.
- **Music:** exploring non-tuned instruments, learning music terminology, creating graphic scores.
- **PSHE:** hot seating, taking a stand, debating, giving advice, meeting and learning about Pets As Therapy dogs.
- **RE:** mind mapping, freeze framing, class discussions.
- **Computing:** touch typing.

"OUR RICH READ"



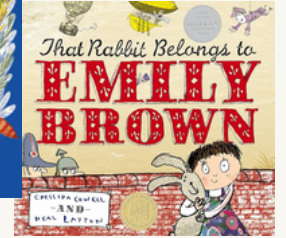


SPELLING

Your child will be focusing on these compulsory words. Please help them learn them at home this term:

wild, climb, most, only, both, old, cold, hold, gold, told, every, even, everybody, great, break, steak, pretty, beautiful, after, fast

IF YOUR CHILD ENJOYS 'THE HOSPITAL DOG', THEY MAY ALSO LIKE:



OUTCOME

Friday 24th October
9.00am-10.30am

Year 3 will be hosting a fundraising morning for the PAT dog charity. The children will share their stories and letters with parents and carers. They will also teach them how to draw a cartoon dog, using the skills they have learnt in Art, and how to create a graphic score using the key skills they have learnt in Music.

More information will be provided nearer the time.

HOME LEARNING

Starting in Week 4, your child will have two weekly home learning tasks:

- 1) Reading - due every Thursday
- 2) Times Tables - due every Friday

To complete the Space Race, they will need to read three times a week and record it in their reading diary. For times tables, they will need to play at least five games a week on TTRS.

