## Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April

This week our activities are based around 'National Pet Month' which takes place between the 1st April to the 10th May. Whether you have a pet or not, 'National Pet Month' provides an opportunity for discussion and language skills, as we can talk about animals in general, our families and our understanding about the world around us.

# Read a book where the pet is the main character

With an adult, read a book where a pet is the main character. Examples may include:

'Harry the Dirty Dog' (Author: Gene Zion)
'Charlottes Web' (Author: E.B White)
'Hairy Maclary' Series (Author: Lynley Dodd)
Dear Zoo (Author: Rod Campbell)

### Do some stretches with Jump Start Jonny

Have a stretch and move your body to the free video titled 'The Circle of Life' by Jump Start Jonny. I wonder if you can recognise where this music comes from!

(\*hint it's a film about animals!)

https://www.jumpstartjonny.co.uk/free-stuff

#### Create your very own pet

Create a pet using materials such as packaging in the recycling bin or even a rock outside in your garden! Give your pet a name and tell your family about what you have made.

## Feed the Dog a Bone Maths Activity

Say the rhyme 'Old Mother Hubbard' (we have done this in our maths lessons!)

Using the resource provided (please print and cut out the bones or create your own bones) work with an adult to feed the dog a certain number of bones.

The adult will tell you how many bones to feed the dog. Once this number of bones has been counted out, the adult will ask what is one more or one less than that given number.

#### Speaking and Listening

Play a game with your family. First choose a pet. Think about all the things the pet needs to stay healthy and happy. Then you're ready to play! The first player starts by saying, "I have a cat/dog and I need to feed it everyday." The next player must remember what the first player said and add to it: "I have a cat/dog and I need to feed it everyday and make sure it has fresh water all of the time. The game continues until you have thought of all the things to keep your pet healthy and happy. You must listen carefully! Who will be the best listener?

#### **Phonics**

Complete a daily Phonics Play game (Phase 2 and 3 are appropriate.)

https://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/