



Marchwood C of E Infant School

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Dear Parents/Carers

5th March 2026

During the week beginning 23rd March, we will begin our new topic "Amazing Animals". During the week the children will have the opportunity to see and meet a variety of pets. They will learn what the different pets need and what we need to do to look after them.



For Health & Safety purposes a risk assessment has been completed so that we can have the pets on the school site. The children will be given the opportunity to stroke some of the pets that are more used to being handled. The animals will be supervised at all times by their owner to prevent any nips or scratches. Children will wash their hands both before and after handling the animals as a matter of routine.

Before children will be allowed to handle the pets, we require parental permission and we ask that you complete and return the slip below. Unfortunately, **children will not be able to handle the pets if we do not receive this slip.**



If you have any questions or queries please come and ask. If you have a pet that you think would be ideal to share and talk about over this week, please approach your class teacher.

Please return the permission slip below by Thursday 12th March.

Many thanks

Early Years Team

Pets Permissions slip (Please tick the appropriate box)

Name of child _____ Class _____

I **give permission** for my child to handle the different pets as they do not have any known health conditions that may be affected by handling small or large mammals.

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I **do not give permission** for my child to handle the pets *

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*Reason given _____

Signature _____ Date _____

Parent/Carers