



Activities at home for Hedgehogs and Lambs

Our topic for the month of September is: My family and pets

The areas we will be covering are:

- Role play - House with toy pets
- Discussing our homes, families, pets, traditions, different cultures and sharing family experiences.
- Comparing our families with families from around the world.
- Keeping healthy and safe.
- Family trees - fact files.
- Animal hospital small world play.
- Painting and drawing portraits - self, family and pets.
- Looking at pictures of when we were babies and when our family members were babies.
- Identifying similarities & differences between family & friends.
- Learning how to look after the nursery pets. Visits to rabbits and chickens.
- Sharing photos of children's pets.
- Visits from staff members pets.
- Three Little Pigs - building houses out of different materials.
- Building houses out of shapes/junk modelling boxes.

Books, rhymes and songs:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Farmyard Jamboree (story cd)• The Three Little Pigs (story)• Owl Babies (story)• Stickman (story)• Goldilocks and the Three Bears (story sack)• Three Billy Goat's Gruff (story sack)• The Farmer's in his Den (song)• Tommy thumb (rhyme) | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dogfish (story)• Journey Home from Grandpa's (story cd)• I had a little brother (rhyme)• We are Family (story)• Whoever You Are (story)• 5 Little ducks went swimming (song)• Puppy dog, puppy dog turn around (song)• When Goldilocks went to the house of the bears (song)• Jack and the Beanstalk (story) |
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Ideas how to explore this topic at home or when you are out and about:

- Discuss who is in your family and draw them.
- Draw/paint pictures of your pets.
- Bring in photos of family and pets.
- Share the family traditions you celebrate.
- Look at old photographs, talking about special family times and how much people have changed.
- Make a family tree out of photos and bring into share.
- Talk to grandparents about what it was like when they were young.
- Make a pet out of junk modelling.
- Make houses and pets out of shapes.