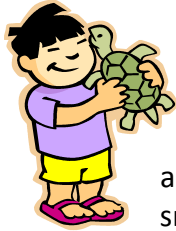


## WE NEED YOUR HELP

Dear parents, carers, family members, childminder



As part of our topic this term on occupations, over the next two weeks (21/9-2/10) we will be looking at the role of a **vet** and within that looking at how to care for animals. We will be making cages, hutches, tanks etc to house the animals. We will talk about what each animal needs to be healthy. We have a small selection of toy animals, but it would be really helpful if your child could bring in a toy pet to take to the vet. Please clearly name any which they bring in. We hope to have a vet from Village vet come to talk to the children one of the days, do you know of a vet or animal nurse who would be willing to talk to the children for 10-20 minutes?

In addition we would like to introduce the children to as many safe pets as possible. Mrs Butterfield will bring her dogs, Mrs Turner will bring her tortoise, our playgroup snail will be visiting and we have a visit from a snake. Other pets that could be brought in are birds, cats, dogs, reptiles, gerbils, rabbits etc. We will of course carry out risk assessments and the children will never be left unsupervised with any of the visitors or animals.

Do you or someone in your family have a pet which you could bring in to show the children and maybe even talk to them about the special care which that pet needs? Another way to generate some conversations would be samples of the food which your pet eats and maybe specific feeding bowls or drinking vessels and bedding such as straw, hay, blankets etc.

Later in the term we are hoping to have visits from lots of different professions - Please can you help us:

**Nurses, doctors, shopkeepers, catering;** anyone connected with the **armed forces, dentist or dental nurse** (a very important visit due to the huge increase in children with bad teeth), a **health visitor** or dietician to support us in talking about healthy eating. **Musicians** – do you play and instrument, would you come and play and show the children your instruments. This could be any time during the term.



We are looking for **chefs, cooks, bakers, caterers**. (5/10-16/10, to tie in with our Harvest festival visit to the church on 8<sup>th</sup> October) Do you have any items which could go on display or maybe something the children could use. Do you have any kitchen/cooking equipment such as kitchen scales which you no longer need? If you are in any of the above roles, could you talk to the children about it? Hygiene, preparation of food, special tools used could be shown to the children. Maybe you would be willing to help us to make food, soup, pizza or bread rolls during a session? Do you have menus, posters from restaurants?



We will be exploring the role of the **police** force. (23/11-27/11) Again, do you know anyone who could come in and talk to the children. Do you have any posters, pictures, uniform items which the children could have on display? Notepads with police logo and any other items to enhance our roleplay area. We will include road safety, having

registered with 'Brake' for resources for the national road safety week. Look out for our posters giving advice for adults.

Jobs within the **post office**. (30/11-4/12) We plan to walk to a postbox using our 'walkodile' to post letters which the children have written to Santa. Do you work in the post office or as a post person? Could we come for a visit in the sorting office? Are you a post or parcel delivery person? Would you be willing to come in and talk to the children about your job? Do you have or could you get some posters, leaflets, envelopes etc. to enhance the role play area which this week will be a post office?

**Fire Service** will be incorporated into the bonfire night, fireworks and also include Diwali which is during the same week. We hope to get a visit from the fire engine this week, but do you know a firefighter who may be willing to come and talk to the children with advice about keeping our homes safe and not playing with fire?



**Hairdressing** will be another occupation we will talk about. (Don't worry, we will hide the scissors). We are looking for a stylist to show the children all the equipment needed. Do you know of someone else who would come in and talk to the children or just play hairdressers? We ask for permission for your child to be allowed to have their hair 'styled' with gel, wax, hair clips, bands and maybe even in curlers. Please let us know if this is a problem. Do you have any spare empty hair products which would be safe for the children? Empty shampoo, conditioner and hair product bottles would be useful to stack on the shelves – please let us have any you can spare. Do you have spare clips, rollers, comb, brush, curlers, hair elastic, hair bands etc which we can use/borrow during the week? Do you have a 'head block' which hair dressers use to practice their skills on – which we could borrow?

