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Class Pets

Dear Parents and Carers

As part of our learning this year we would like to introduce a class pet. We feel there are many benefits to having a pet at school and we think our class would really enjoy looking after a pair of rabbits! Mrs Dyson's rabbit had babies over the summer and these babies are now ready to come to school. They are used to children and are extremely tame.

Some of the benefits of having a class pet are:

- The children can relate some of their learning to a real situation - writing about the rabbit and how to look after it; weighing the food; learning about a particular animal; asking questions.
- Children with no experience of animals at home can have the opportunity at school.
- Observing and caring for an animal instils a sense of responsibility and respect for life.
- A pet brings increased sensitivity and awareness of the feelings and needs of others, both animals and humans.
- Children learn that all living things need more than just food and water to survive.
- Children can see how their behaviour directly affects others.
- The presence of animals has been known to lessen tension in the classroom.

Throughout the week different children will be chosen to be the 'zoo keeper'. They will be in charge of helping us to care for the rabbits. All of the children will have regular opportunities to hold the rabbits. A risk assessment has been completed to ensure the children are safe at all times. The rabbits will be located next to Eric Carle Class in the KS1 playground. At the weekend and throughout the holidays the rabbits will go home to their hutch at Mrs Dyson's house.

To ensure the safety of all of the children we would like to know about any allergies or phobias that might cause a problem for any children when the rabbits arrive.

Please sign the form below to show your agreement to Eric Carle class having pet rabbits and inform us of any allergies or phobias by the rabbits' arrival date on Thursday 7th September 2017.

As always, please let us know if you have any questions or would like to discuss this further.

Kind regards,

Mrs Dyson and Mrs King

Eric Carle Class - Pet Rabbits Permission Slip - 2017/2018

Please list any allergies/medical conditions your child has that may be affected by having class rabbits:

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Please list any fears or phobias your child has that we may need to be aware of:

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I consent to any emergency medical treatment required.

I confirm that my child is in good health and I consider him/her to be fit to participate in this activity.

Child's name:.....

Signed:..... Relationship to child:.....