

ANIMAL CARE



Intent:

At the Nightingale Service we believe that a quality Animal Care curriculum should develop children's practical experience and knowledge of the animal care sector to support engagement, participation, achievement and progression for learners at Entry Level. We aim to inspire students to explore further training and employment within this occupational area.

We recognise the importance of gaining work related skills in the area of animal care and developing generic employability skills. We want to encourage students to prepare for further training and gain an insight into core activities within this occupational area in order to allow them to make informed career decisions.

We aim for our animal care curriculum to provide a wide variety of practical experience in real world settings, handling a variety of animals as well as classroom based research activities.

Implementation:

These aims are embedded across our animal care lessons. We have a broad and balanced Animal Care programme that provides many purposeful opportunities for exploring a variety of animals, occupational settings and opportunities to develop work related skills.

The ABC Animal Care curriculum aims to ensure that all pupils:

- Gain work-related skills in the area of animal care
- Develop generic employability skills
- Prepare for further training within this occupational area
- Gain an insight into core activities within this occupational area in order to allow them to make informed career decisions

Impact:

As a result, we have a community of animal lovers who are exploring career opportunities within this sector. They are starting to build their confidence with a variety of different animals and gain work related skills that they can use in the wider world. Students are able to access learning in a wider variety of ways providing an inclusive and positive environment.

Awarding Body: ABC Entry Level Certificate in Practical Small Animal Care

Available Units:

Assist with cleaning animal housing

Groom a small animal

Recognise types and parts of the body of small animals

Assist with catching and restraining a small animal

Recognise types of food and feed small animals

Show visitors around a small animal enterprise

Check that a small animal is healthy.