



Label some buckets/containers with numbers 1-5. Make some snowballs and have fun throwing them into a numbered bucket or container. So you need to throw 2 snowballs into the bucket that's numbered 2! Check before they melt have you got the correct number of snowballs in the corresponding numbered bucket?

If there isn't any snow, don't worry just scrunch up some white paper or tissue and pretend they are snowballs. Have fun!

Revise and remember numerals 0,1, 2 and 3



#### Learn and recognise numerals 4 and 5



Practice forming these numbers using different media e.g. pencil, felt tp, sand, foam, chalk.



This story is all about two guinea pigs. Talk together about whether you have a pet or if you don't have a pet what pet would you like? Talking about the book deepens children's understanding of the story as they make connections with their own lives.

#### After you have read the story a few times ask questions about the story as you read with your child e.g.

What happened at the beginning of the story... middle...end? Who is in the story? What nosie did Bertie make? What happened to Jenny/ What did she lose? Where did they look? Can you join in with the story? What's your favourite part of the story and why?

#### Writing

Revise forming the letters 'm' 's' 'a' 'd' and 't'. Follow the lines and say mmmmmmmountain, ssssssnake, a a a apple, d d dinosaur, t t t tower

Then practice forming the letters i, n,p,g,o

Use different media e.g. pencil, felt tip, sand, foam, chalk on the ground

#### Can children recognise their own name?

Write their name big on a piece of card and help them trace over the letters.

# **Topic based activities** Draw a picture of your pet. I am learning to give meaning to marks I am learning to draw circles and lines I am learning to hold a pencil between thumb and two fingers and with good control Draw a picture of your pet or pets. If you don't have a pet, draw the pet you would like to have. Can you make up a name for them? Looking for Jenny's squeak I am learning to follow instructions that include prepositions such as 'under', 'on top', 'behind'. I am learning to use prepositions such as 'under', 'on top', 'behind'. I am learning to recall key events from a story Remind your child that in the story Jenny lost her squeak and explain that we're going to help her find it. Ask your child to look for Jenny's squeak in different places. Say: "Is it in the fridge? Is it under the box? Is it behind the table? Is it on top of the ...? Is it in front of the ...? (challenge) Is it next to ...? (challenge) Now, can they give you the instructions to follow? Caring for animals Help your child to understand how to care for their pets and other animals. I am learning to show care and concern for living things I am learning to comment and ask questions about aspects of my familiar world I can speak in sentences I can ask questions. Talk to your child about our own needs (e.g. eating, drinking, sleeping, bathing, going to the toilet etc) and then ask what do they think a pet needs. Model asking questions and then answering i.e. what do they eat? Where do they live? What do they like to do? How can we keep them safe and healthy? Below are some facts for some pets to help you. But you can use the internet or books to find some more information.

### How to Look after Pets





Some cats like to be picked up but some cats don't. They are scared of water so they should never be put in the bath or a paddling pool.

Cats often like to play. They need to practise their chasing skills. They also need to be able to scratch as this strengthens their backs and claws. They purr when they are happy, but beware if they flick their tails!

Did you know...?











## Speed Sounds Set 1











mmmMountain

a a a apple

- sssss snake
- d d d dinosaur t t t tower





The sounds for mmmmmm mountain, nnnn net and fffffff flower are stretched.

The other sounds are bouncy so a a a apple.





IIIIIIIIIeg

h h h horse

rrrrrrrobot



jjjjjelly

vvvvvulture

y y y y yak

w w w worm

The sounds for IIIII leg, rrrrrrr robot and vvvvvv v ulture are stretched.

The other sounds are bouncy so e e e egg, h h h horse, j j j jelly, yyy yak and w w w worm.