



Exciting News

Meet the newest member of our Shenley Fields family. He is a rescue tortoise who will be coming to live here at Shenley Fields on May 19th.

We are doing lots of research with the children and we will be well supported to learn how to look after him and make sure he has a happy life here with us.

Children will have opportunities every day to see him and help look after him.

There is lots of research that supports the benefits of children having a pet.

“Pets can be an excellent way for children to learn about being caregivers and understand responsibility, as owning a four-legged friend teaches them about looking after someone. By helping with pet-related tasks (such as filling up the water bowl or helping with daily brushing), children can learn to develop nurturing behaviour, compassion, and empathy – attributes that are vital in later life. Children can benefit emotionally from having a pet, knowing they always have a buddy nearby. But a pet can teach children about emotional intelligence too, as they learn how to respond to the needs of others and how to interact with other living beings with respect and kindness.” PDSA

