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Zippy Kit

This activity is suitable for Second to Sixth Class pupils, who learn about the costs involved in looking after a new puppy, Zippy. Children have to find out how much money it can cost to responsibly look after a dog throughout its lifetime. They initially find out some of the costs of keeping a dog healthy before they go to the 'pet shop'. Then they 'buy' all the necessary equipment from the pet shop. Their chosen items are shown on a receipt, which they must add up and enter the correct total.

Then they must calculate the total cost of looking after a dog for a year, including food, insurance and healthcare. Finally they must calculate the total cost for a dog's lifetime.

Curriculum Links

Mathematics

Second to Sixth Class

Strand: Number

Strand Unit: Operations

- Understand the operation of addition and its associated vocabulary
- Add several numbers

Strand: Measures

Strand Unit: Money

- Use all four operations to solve word problems involving money

SESE: Science Strand

Second to Sixth Class

Strand: Living Things

Strand Unit: Human Life

Strand Unit: Plants and Animals



SPHE

Second to Sixth Class

Strand: Myself

Strand Unit: Taking Care of My Body

Nutrition: Pupils should be taught about the need for food for activity and growth, and about the importance of an adequate and varied diet for health

Health: about the importance of exercise for good health