



Understanding Animals: Discovering Behaviour, Care, and Connection

Meeting Our Animal Friends

Objective:

Introduce pupils to animals, their behaviours, and basic needs, fostering empathy and curiosity.

Age Group: Key Stage 1

Duration: 1 hour

Links to National Curriculum:

- Science: Identify and name a variety of animals and understand basic needs for survival (food, water, shelter).
 - PSHE: Develop empathy and respect for living things.
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Activity Plan:**1. Introduction (10 minutes):**

- Meet each animal and learn its name, type, and habitat.
 - Discuss basic needs (food, water, shelter).
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2. Interactive Observation (30 minutes):

- Observe and describe the animals' behaviours (e.g., eating, moving, playing).
 - Talk about their diet, home, and how farmers or caretakers look after them.
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3. Creative Reflection (20 minutes):

- Draw or describe their favourite animal and its needs.
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Outcome Across All Key Stages:

- Pupils develop empathy, respect, and understanding of animals and their roles in ecosystems and society.
- Activities foster observation, critical thinking, and responsible action towards animal welfare and sustainability.