



## Understanding Animals: Discovering Behaviour, Care, and Connection

### Animal Roles in the Ecosystem

#### Objective:

Understand the role of animals in the environment and their interactions with humans.

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**Age Group:** Key Stage 2

**Duration:** 1.5 hours

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#### Links to National Curriculum:

- Science: Describe how animals depend on each other and their environment (food chains, habitats).
  - Geography: Learn about the local area and how land use supports animal life.
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#### Activity Plan:

##### 1. Exploration (20 minutes):

- Visit the animals in their habitats. Discuss their role in the ecosystem (e.g., cows and milk, pigs and composting).
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##### 2. Group Discussion (30 minutes):

- Create simple food chains including the animals.
  - Discuss how humans interact with these animals and benefit from their presence.
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##### 3. Hands-On Task (40 minutes):

- Help with a simple caretaking activity, such as feeding or observing animal behaviour to understand their 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.