



Understanding Animals: Discovering Behaviour, Care, and Connection

Understanding Behaviour and Welfare

Objective:

Explore animal behaviours, welfare considerations, and ethical issues.

Age Group: Key Stage 3

Duration: 2 hours

Links to National Curriculum:

- Science: Understand adaptation and animal behaviours.
 - Citizenship: Discuss ethical issues around animal welfare and human responsibilities.
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Activity Plan:

1. Behaviour Observation (30 minutes):

- Watch how different animals behave. Take notes on movement, interaction, and feeding habits.
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2. Animal Welfare Discussion (40 minutes):

- Discuss factors affecting welfare (diet, space, care).
 - Explore how ethical farming practices support animal wellbeing.
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3. Practical Reflection (50 minutes):

- Design an "ideal farm" or animal sanctuary, explaining how it meets animals' needs and promotes welfare.
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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.