



Understanding Animals: Discovering Behaviour, Care, and Connection

Animals in Society and Sustainable Practices

Objective:

Understand the role of animals in agriculture, ethical farming, and sustainable practices.

Age Group: Key Stage 4

Duration: 2 hours

Links to National Curriculum:

- Science: Explore biodiversity, ecosystems, and sustainable practices.
 - Citizenship: Debate ethical implications of animal use in farming and society.
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Activity Plan:

1. In-Depth Study (30 minutes):

- Tour the animals and learn about their role in farming and sustainability. Discuss concepts like free-range farming, biodiversity, and ethical practices.
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2. Debate (40 minutes):

- Split students into groups to debate topics like "Is organic farming better for animals?" or "How can we balance farming with conservation?"
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3. Action Plan (50 minutes):

- Design a plan to support sustainable and ethical practices in local farming, focusing on the care and wellbeing of animals.
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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.