Animals including Humans

Background information

Animals vary in many ways having different structures e.g. wings, tails, ears etc. They also have different skin coverings e.g. scales, feathers, hair. These key features can be used to identify them.

Animals eat certain things - some eat other animals, some eat plants, some eat both plants and animals.

Humans have key parts in common, but these vary from person to person. Humans (and other animals) find out about the world using their senses. Humans have five senses – sight, touch, taste, hearing and smelling. These senses are linked to particular parts of the body.

Common misconceptions

- Only 4 legged animals such as pets are animal.
- Humans are not animals
- Insects are not animals.
- All bugs or "creepy crawlies" such as spiders are part of the insect group.
- Amphibians and reptiles are the same.

Singing songs will enable the children to become confident with their different body parts (Head, shoulders knees and toes, One finger, one thumb keep moving, Hokey Cokey and If you are happy and you know it). The comparision of body parts provides a data handling opportunity. The senses provide a rich ground for investigation so may extend over weeks 2 and 3. There are opportunities to compare different textures using feely boxes or feely bags, smells and sounds (kinder egg containers are ideal to put different objects in to sort sounds). There are lots of good ideas on the senses and animals in A creative approach to teaching science by Nicky Waller (copy in Mrs B's room). It would be useful to take the children out to see animals as part of this topic to a farm , pet shop or a zoo or arrange for animals to come into school through Zoolab etc. There are also lots of animal theme story books which could be used e.g. Rumble in the jungle, Commotion in the ocean, Cock-a-doodle do!, Creaturepedia (animals from all round the world) and Just Imagine.

What children should already know/be able to do

To comment and ask questions about aspects of their familiar world, such as the place where they live or the natural world.

To talk about the things they have observed, such as plants, animals, natural and found objects.

To develop an understanding of growth, decay and changes over time.

To show a concern for the environment and living things.

To look closely at similarities, differences, patterns and change.

To look closely at similarities and differences in relation to places, objects, materials and living things. Talk about features of their immediate environment and how environments might vary from one to another.

Links to EYFS

EYFS - The world

Developing an understanding of growth, decay and changes over time (30-50)

Shows care and concern for living things (30-50)

Looks closely at similarities, differences, patterns and change. (40-60 months)

They know about similarities and differences in relation to living things. (ELG)

They make observations of animals and explain why some things occur and talk about changes. (ELG)

National Curriculum objectives	Children's objectives
Identify and name a variety of common animals including fish, amphibians, reptiles, birds and mammals. Identify and name a variety of common animals that are carnivores, herbivores and omnivores. Describe and compare the structure of a variety of common animals. Identify, name, draw and label the basic parts of the human body and say which part of the body is associated with each sense.	I can name a variety of animals including fish, amphibians, reptiles, birds and mammals. I can classify and name animals by what they eat (carnivore, herbivore and omnivore). I can sort animals into categories (including fish, amphibians, reptiles, birds and mammals). I can name the parts of the human body I can see. I can link the correct part of the human body to each sense.
Scientific enquiry observing closely, using simple equipment identifying and classifying perform simple tests. gathering and recording data to help in answering questions	I can make simple observations using appropriate language to describe them. I can compare objects, materials and living things. I can sort and group objects according to their simple properties. I can carry out simple tests. I can suggest what I found out.

Assessment

- Can you label the different parts of your body?
- Can you point to the part of your body you use to see, taste, smell, hear and feel?

I can use simple scientific language.

- Can you describe how this object feels? Smells? Looks? Sounds?
- Can you sort these animals into different groups?
- How do you know this animal is a mammal? Reptile? Fish? Amphibian? Bird?
- Name a herbivore, carnivore, omnivore. What do they eat?

Working towards ARE

Working towards: I can name some parts of the human body. I can say which part of the body is linked with each sense and start to use appropriate vocabulary to describe them. I can group animals in different ways. I am starting to identify the features of fish, amphibians, reptiles, birds and mammals. I can group animals according to what they eat with support.

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Expected: I can label the key parts of the human body. I can say which part of the body is linked with each sense and talk about what I have found out about the different senses. I can use appropriate vocabulary to describe the different senses. I can group and sort animals according to their characteristics. I can identify the features of fish, amphibians, reptiles, birds and mammals. I can group animals according to what they eat using the terms herbivores, carnivores and omnivores.

ExceedingARE

Exceeding: I can label most parts of the human body. I can say which part of the body is linked with each sense and talk about what I have found out about the different senses confidently. I can use a range of appropriate vocabulary to describe the different senses. I can confidently group and sort animals according to their characteristics. I can identify the features of fish, amphibians, reptiles, birds and mammals and state how they differ from each other. I can group animals into herbivores, carnivores and omnivores and start to explain how the features of these animals differ.

Key Vocabulary

Names of the different body parts. (see below)

Sense- The way in which the body finds out about the world around it. There are 5 senses; sight, hearing, taste, touch and smell.

Mammals - mammals have hair or fur. They give birth to live young. Mammals produce milk for their babies.

Fish- fish live in water. They have fins, scales and gills.

Reptiles - reptiles have dry scaly skin. They lay eggs on land.

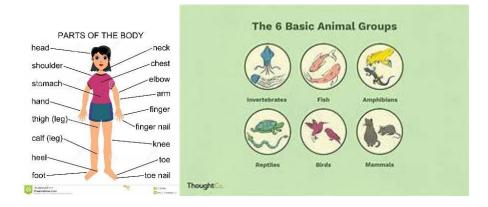
Amphibians -amphibians live on land or in water. They lay eggs in water.

Birds- birds have 2 legs, wings and feathers. They have a beak or bill and hatch from eggs.

Herbivores - animals that eat plants.

Carnivores - animals that eat other animals.

Omnivores- animals that eat both plants and animals.



Character opportunities	Possible future STEM Careers linked to unit
 Working with care to look after nature Respect and tolerance for those that may look different to ourselves Ambition Compassion and kindness investigate the impact of hearing and sight loss 	 Vet Doctor Herpetologist (studies amphibians and reptiles) Marine Biologist Wildlife photographer

Working Scientifically	Lesson Objectives	Suggested Main activity
 Ask simple questions Observing closely Make comparisons Gather and record data 	 To know the main parts of the human body To measure body temperature 	 Label body parts on a diagram Compare size, colour of eyes size of feet, size of hand etc - make a chart comparing hand sizes (see here for suggestions) construct a bar chart with size of feet Using temperature strips, find out the temperature of the body Use stethoscopes to listen to heartbeat
Ask simple questionsObserving closelyMake comparisons	Identify and name the parts of the body associated with each sense	Introduce the 5 senses and the body part associated with them. Go on a senses walk
 Ask simple questions Observe closely Make comparisons and decide how to sort and group 	 To understand the link between taste and the mouth and tongue To be able to identify familiar foods by taste To make accurate recording of data To know that we smell with noses To be able to identify some smells 	 Blindfolded taste test (check for allergies) Complete photocopiable sheet of tongue with foods sampled Smelling substances in pots with hole in cover
 Observe closely Make comparisons and decide how to sort and group Gathering and recording data Make comparisons Decide how to sort and group 	 To know that we hear with our ears To be able to identify a variety of sounds To know that we see with our eyes To observe similarities and differences between people's eyes Investigate and record eye colour Know that skin is responsible for touch 	 Ideas that could be included:- Identify musical instruments/other sounds inside or outside the classroom (see online for different sounds) Play I spy Pictogram of eye colour Use mirrors to observe eyes Visit from optician? look at some simple optical illusions (test for colour blindness) Use feely bags to identify objects/textures Look at fingerprints Investigate tickly spots
		 See BBC science Clips and KS1 bitesize See Pintrest for practical sensory ideas

 Ask simple questions Observe closely Make comparisons Gather and record data 	 To name some common animals To group animals according to their characteristics To know the characteristics of mammals To identify humans as mammals 	 Use local environment to look for animals in trees, on flowers under logs and stones etc. Record appropriately Possible link with seasons Autumn/Winter topic
 Observe closely Make comparisons and decide how to sort and group 	 To compare animal characteristics To group animals according to their characteristics To be able to give the main characteristic of mammals To 	Look at images of animals. Identify and discuss features of mammals. Select additional mammals from images of farm and wild animals.
 Close observations Make comparisons and deciding how to sort and group Begin to notice patterns and relationships 	 To be able to identify a variety of meat and plant eating animals To sort animals according to their diet To use the terms carnivore, omnivore and herbivore correctly 	Listen to Little Red Riding Hood story. Compare images of animals and identify those with large canine teeth relating teeth to diet
 Close observations Make comparisons and deciding how to sort and group Begin to notice patterns and relationships Make comparisons and deciding how to sort and group Begin to notice patterns and relationships 	 To identify some features of birds To know and name some common birds and their habitats To observe and suggest similarities and differences between birds To suggest differences between animals and humans To identify the main body parts of a bird 	 Compare images of birds Make a collection of feathers from different birds, observe closely with magnifying glasses Compile simple bird factfiles including unusual birds such as peacocks Watch video of birds in flight Label bird body parts
 Ask simple questions Observe closely 	 To identify and name a variety of animals including fish To know the main parts of a fish 	 Compare images of common fish with unusual examples Group fish according to shape, size and colour Visit to Morrisons Fish counter??or Aquatic department at Heighly Gate?? Label the main parts of a fish
Ask simple questions	• To identify the main features of amphibians	 Visit from exotic animals handling?? or Pets at Home??

Observe closely	To identify the main characteristics of reptiles	Order the life cycle of a frog
Make comparisons and decide how to sort/group	● To identify some common minibeasts	 Match pictures of minibeasts with names Sing songs relating to minibeasts Play 'Beetle' to identify minibeast parts – children make up their own minibeast gameboards and choose which number on a die relates to each part