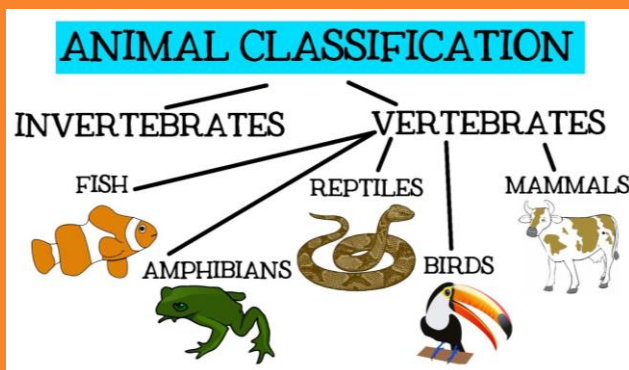


# Penguins, possums and pigs - animals

## Core Learning of this unit

- Some animals have similarities, some are very different.
- Some animals live in water, some live on land, some fly in the sky.
- Animals have special features that help them to survive.
- Some animals are suitable for keeping as pets but some are not.
- Animals that are not pets are known as wild animals.



### Prior Learning & Curriculum links

#### Prior learning

Foundation Stage:

Understanding of the world  
– naming different animals  
and where some might live.

#### Curriculum Links

- Art – animal sculptures
- Geography – hot and cold countries, where do animals live and how have they adapted to their environment.

### Working Scientifically

- Children will use observations in the local environment to compare animals or through videos and photographs.
- Children will describe how to identify and group animals.
- Children will be able to group animals according to what they eat.
- They will research how to take care of animals.

Vocabulary	Definition
carnivore	An animal that eats meat.
herbivore	An animal that eats only plants.
omnivore	An animal that eats both meat and plants.
cold-blooded	A body temperature that changes according to the surrounding temperature.
warm-blooded	A body temperature that does not change due to its surrounding temperature.
gills	The organs on the sides of fish and other water creatures through which they breathe.
invertebrate	A creature that does not have a spine. E.g. worm.
vertebrate	A creature which has a backbone.
pet	A tame animal kept in a household.
wild	Animals or plants that live or grow in natural surroundings and are not looked after by people.
birds	Birds have beaks to help them eat; wings to help them fly; claws to help them grip and feathers to help them keep warm.
fish	Fish have gills to help them to breathe, fins to help them swim and scales to protect their bodies.
amphibians	Amphibians are cold blooded animals that live in water and also on land. They lay eggs underwater.
Reptiles	A cold-blooded animal that breathes air and usually has scales.
Mammals	Mammals are warm blooded animals give birth to live young.