Ashfield Valley Primary School — Animals Including Humans - Can I group animals?

Key Vocabulary and Knowledge

Amphibians – these live in water as babies and on land as they grow older. They have smooth, slimy skin.

Birds – All birds have a beak, two legs, feathers and wings.

Fish – Fish live and breathe under water. They have scaly skin, fins to help them swim and they breathe through gills.

Mammals – Mammals are animals that breathe air, grow hair or fur and feed on their mother's milk as a baby.

Reptiles – All reptiles breathe air. They have scales on their skin.

Animals are also put into groups based on what they eat. There are 3 different types.

Carnivores – Animals that mostly eat other animals (meat) are carnivores.

Herbivores – Animals that only eat plants are herbivores.

Omnivores – Animals that eat both plants and other animals are omnivores.

Animals are grouped together into 'families' based on shared properties. There are 5 main animal groups.

