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Time to Connect with Animals

Many animals are very similar to us, in ways you may not have thought about before. Did you know?

We have the same number of bones in our necks as giraffes, theirs are just a lot bigger!

Crows love to play as much as you do!

Just watch this! <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1WupH8oyrAo>

Dogs sadly get arthritis just like humans.

60% of infectious diseases we can catch, so can animals, which includes illnesses like tummy bugs.

If you live with animals in your family, you will know that they have feelings too, they feel love, sad, worried and happy, just like you do.

I bet if you were asked what you thought the main difference is between humans and animals you would say it is that we can talk, and animals don't. However, that just isn't true. Whales are known for their beautiful songs, which are how they communicate with each other. Chickens have clever ways of communicating, and they appear to use twenty four different sounds that mean different things. How cool is that?

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So now we are thinking about what we have in common, how can we connect with different species? Well, you may already have animals you share your home with, and you already spend time connecting with them, doing things that they and you enjoy. Do you play with your dog? If they like to be stroked, do you sit quietly next to them and do that? Does your cat like to chase toys pulled along the ground? Are you good at doing this so they join in?

You could: Find somewhere to sit and watch for birds. This could be from your own garden, balcony, or window. You must stay still and quiet. Watch them closely and listen to their birdsong. How many birds did you see? Do they eat berries off a tree, or worms and insects from the ground? Do you recognise any of the species?

Look closely at how different parts of nature interact. For example, which creatures depend on one tree? How do birds and fish and insects connect together?

This is the theme for our competition, 'Time to Connect'.

Connect with the animals we share our homes with and those that live around us in nature. How do you want to connect with animals? How would you like to share this? You have the choice of art, the written word, photography, or video. The choice of medium is up to you.

Let's see your Time to Connect ideas, because that time is now!