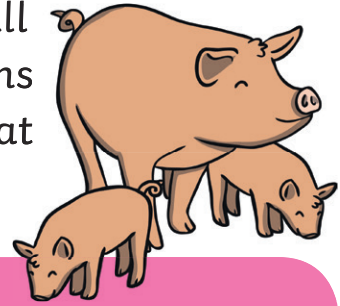


All About... Pigs

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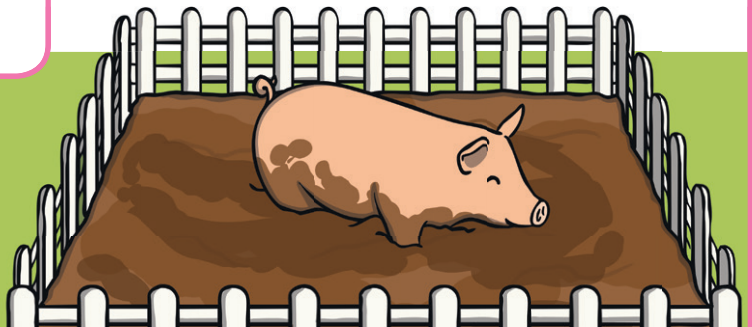
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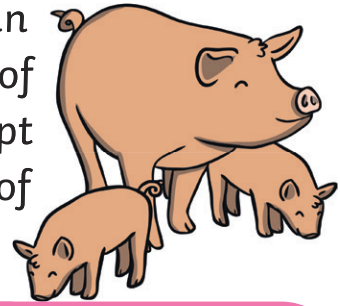
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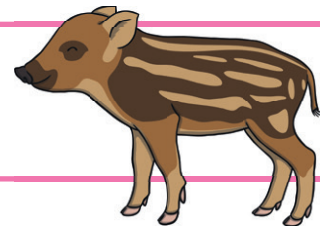
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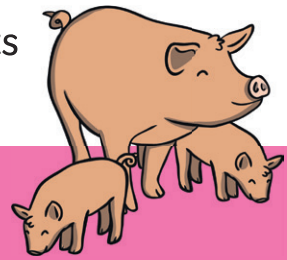
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Diet

Pigs are omnivores. They eat a mixture of both plants and meat. They use their snouts to help find and dig out food underground. Their sense of smell is so strong that some people use trained pigs to find truffles, a kind of fungus used in cooking, underneath the soil. Pigs also need to drink lots of water to stay healthy.

Around the World

In China, the pig is one of the signs of the Chinese zodiac. The next year of the pig will begin in February 2019. Pigs are thought to be lucky animals in China because they are well fed and have people looking after them. Pigs are also seen as good luck in Germany and people often give gifts of marzipan pigs on New Year's Eve.

Questions

1. What kind of vocal sounds do pigs make to communicate? Tick **two**.

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- ☐ squeaks
- ☐ barking
- ☐ squeals

2. When does the next year of the pig begin? Tick **one**.

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Pupil's own response, such as: I agree that pigs are lucky because they have lots of food fed to them.