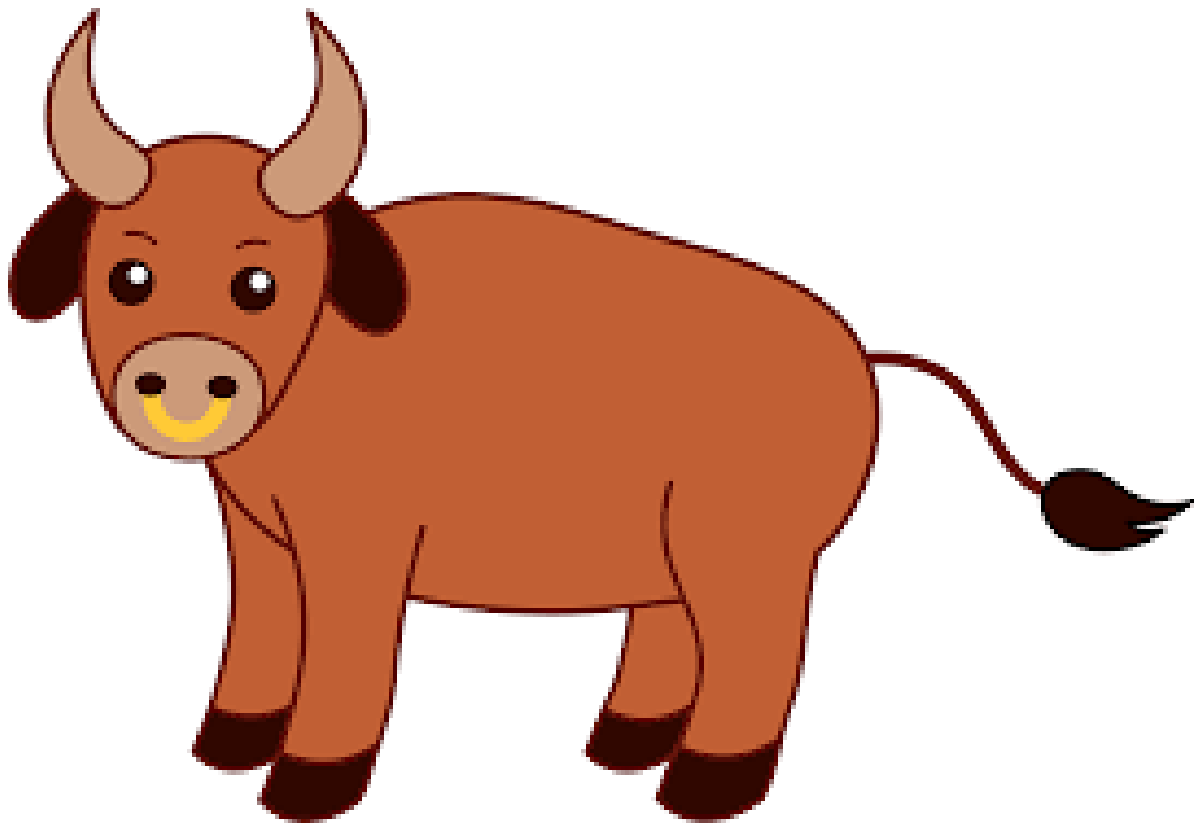




## **THE RAT**

- Rats have very poor eyesight. Instead, they use their whiskers to get around.
- Rats have great memory. If you have a pet rat, you can teach them its name and they will respond when you call to it!
- Rats are very playful animals and love to run, jump and play fight with their family. Rats can even laugh, but humans cannot hear it!



## THE OX

- Oxen are a type of working cattle that are used by farmers to pull heavy loads. Oxen must be very strong and tough!
- A male ox is called a bull and a female ox is called a cow.
- While only male deer grow antlers, female oxen grow horns like male oxen. The horns are used to help carry heavy loads on their backs.



## **THE TIGER**

- **Unlike other big cats, tigers are great swimmers and love water. Maybe this is why the tiger came third!**
- **Big cats like tigers are excellent at roaring but they cannot purr like house cats!**
- **Tigers are nocturnal meaning they are more active at night. They sleep during the day and catch food during the night.**



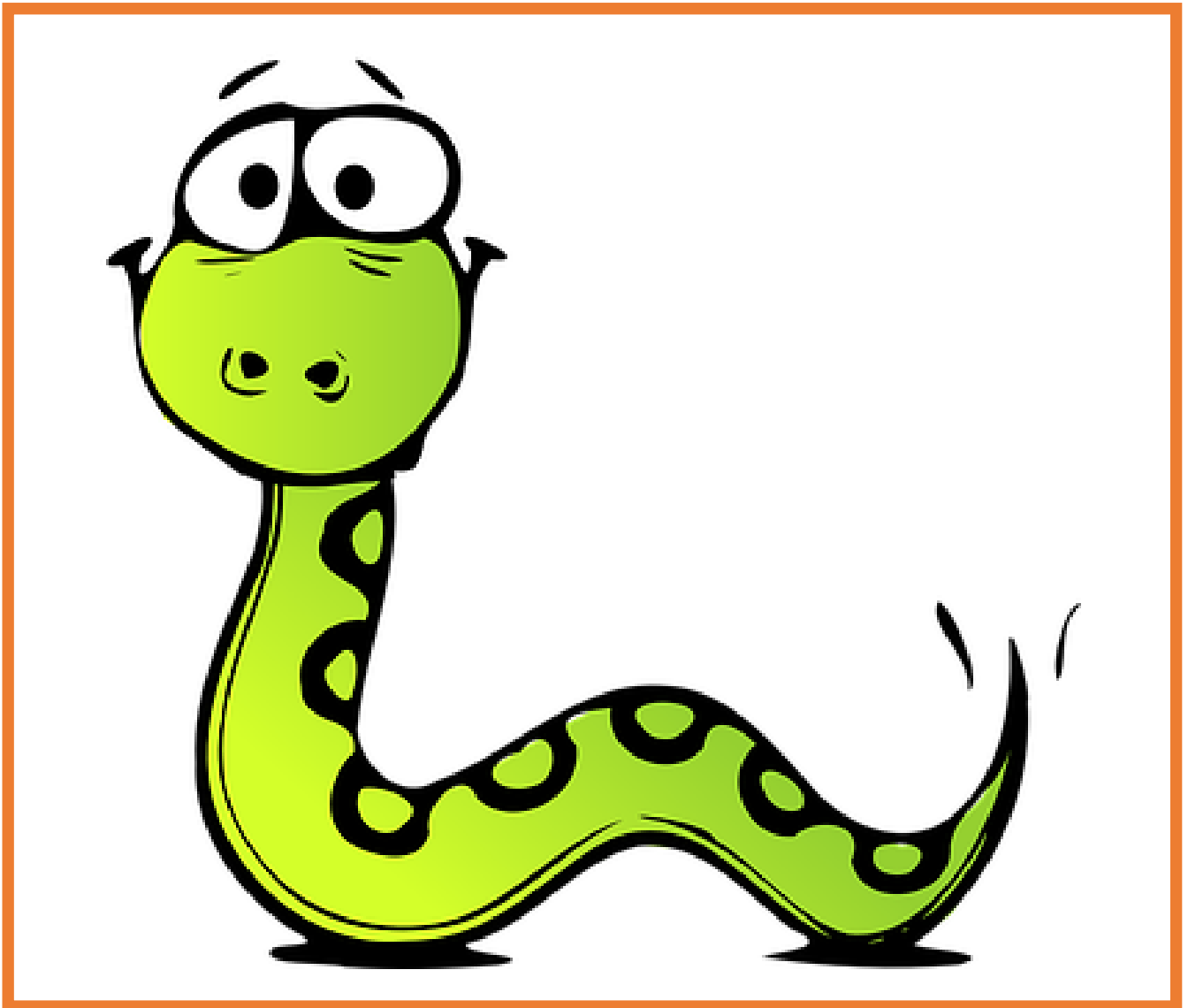
## **THE RABBIT**

- **Rabbits are very social animals and live in big groups.**
- **Rabbits live in warrens which is a series of tunnels and rooms underground.**
- **A rabbit's teeth never stop growing! Instead, their teeth are gradually worn down by the food they eat to make sure they do not get too long!**



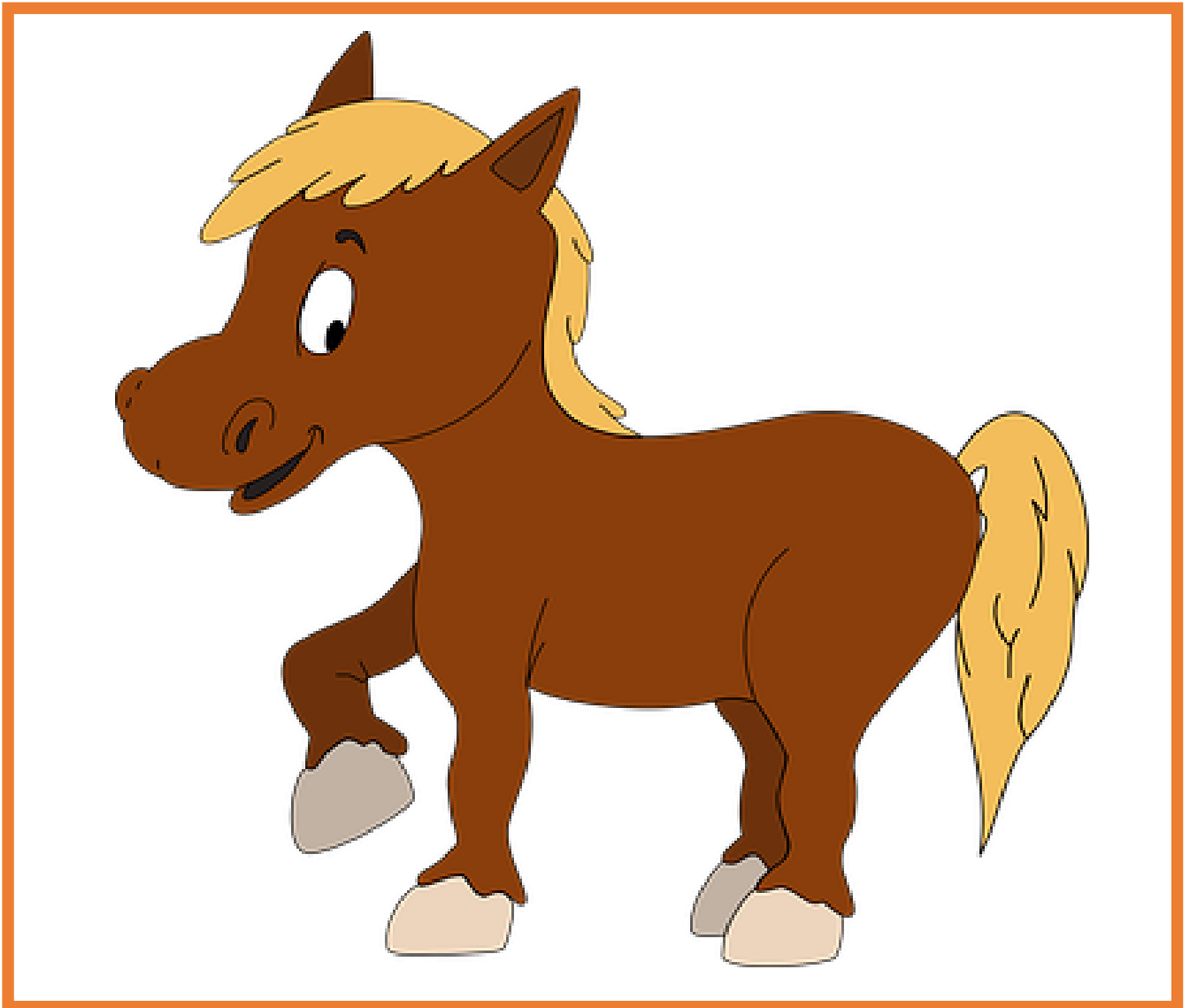
## **THE DRAGON**

- **The Chinese dragon controls the weather and water**
- **Chinese dragons are excellent at shape-shifting, meaning they can change their appearance to look like other animals!**
- **Chinese dragons do not have wings but they can fly!**



## **THE SNAKE**

- **Snakes cannot bite food so they have to swallow it whole!**
- **Venomous snakes are usually brightly coloured to warn other animals they should stay away.**
- **Ireland is one of the only countries in the world that do not have wild snakes- lucky us!**



## **THE HORSE**

- **Horses can sleep both lying down and standing up!**
- **Horses have bigger eyes than any other mammal that lives on land. Ostriches have bigger eyes but they are birds, not mammals!**
- **Horses can run shortly after birth!**



## **THE MONKEY**

- **The monkey is a super smart animal. They are as smart as humans!**
- **A group of monkeys are known as a tribe, troop or mission.**
- **Monkeys yawn to tell other monkeys how they are feeling, usually whether they are angry or happy. Unlike us they do not yawn when they are tired!**





## **THE ROOSTER**

- **Roosters are male chickens. A female chicken is called a hen.**
- **Roosters are known for their 'cock-a-doodle-do' call early in the morning when the sun rises. This noise wakes up the sleepy farmers and tells them to get ready for work!**
- **Roosters can remember human faces. So next time you see one make sure you are kind!**



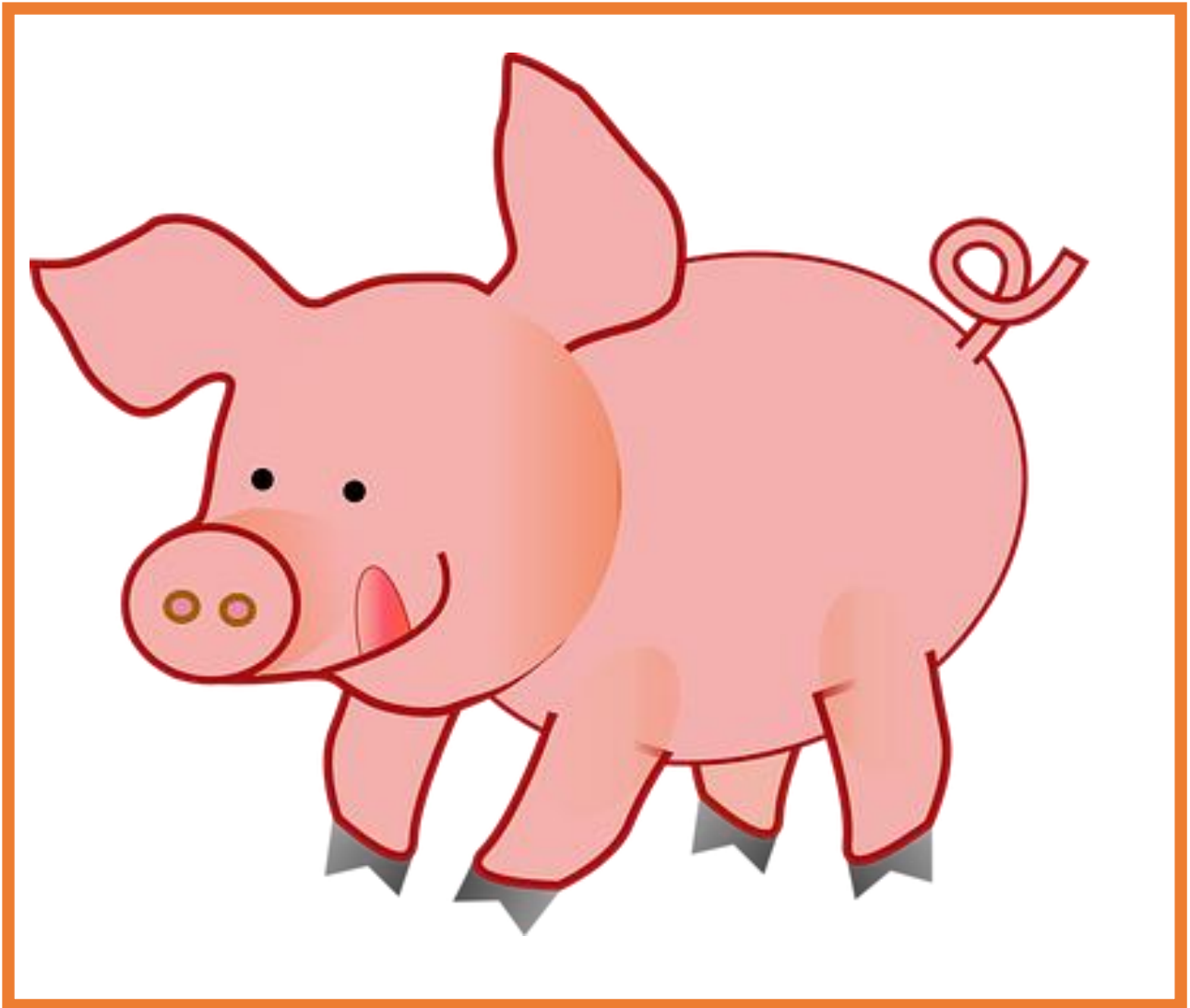
## **THE SHEEP**

- **China has the largest number of sheep in the world!**
- **Sheep can experience a wide range of emotions. Like us, they can feel angry, bored, sad and happy.**
- **A group of sheep is called a flock or a herd.**



## **THE DOG**

- **Dogs do not see the world as we do, they can only see the colours yellow, blue and grey!**
- **Chocolate can make dogs very sick. So if you have a pet dog don't share your snack with them!**
- **Dogs are very loving. In fact, a dog's lick is like a human kiss! Dogs love to show affection. So next time your dog licks you, it means they love you!**



## THE PIG

- Pigs are very clean animals even though we think they are dirty! When they roll round in mud it is because they are too warm and are trying to cool off!
- Like dogs, pigs wag their curly tails when they are happy! They do this when getting their belly scratched which they love!
- Pigs love to sleep close to their family. Their favourite sleeping position is nose-to-nose!



**What is your favourite animal? Why not draw a picture of your favourite animal and colour it in! Ask a grown-up to help you learn a fact about that animal, too!**