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1. Talking Pets: How Do They Speak?
Start a lively discussion about pets. Ask children with dogs, cats, or other animals how they know when their pet is hungry, happy, annoyed, or in pain. Invite them to imitate the sounds their pets make to show these emotions. Expand the discussion to other animals they know and enjoy imitating their voices together. Then ask:

Are animals like us? (linking the idea with how we use our own voices).

2. Guess That Animal!
Play the "Animal Sounds" clips (Downloadable Materials). Let the children guess which animal is making the sound. Then invite them to imitate the calls, being as creative and descriptive as possible. Encourage them to use fun adjectives like “squeaky,” “raspy,” or “bouncy” to describe each sound.

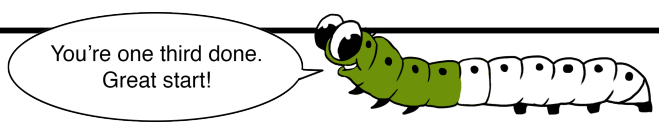
3. Animal Music: Finding the Rhythm
Listen to the recordings again, this time focusing on patterns. For example:

A robin’s call tick-tick... ti-tick-tick-tick can become: “One-two... One-two-three-four.” A Sardinian warbler’s ch-ch-ch-ch-ch becomes: “One-two-three-four-five.”

Connect the sounds with number sequences and visual patterns to make it fun and cross-curricular.

4. Outdoor Birdsong Detectives
Head outside and tune into real bird voices. In winter, you might hear robins, Sardinian warblers, sparrows, or even white wagtails. Help children separate birdsong from background man-made noises. This awareness of other living beings helps nurture empathy and respect for nature.

5. Sparrow Choir: Voices Together
Show how sparrows sound different when alone compared to when they gather in groups. Start with one child repeating a sound, then add more until the whole class becomes a “sparrow choir.” For homework, use the “Where sparrows go to sleep” map (Downloadable



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Materials) to check if there's a nearby roost. Encourage children to visit with their parents between 4:30–5:30pm and describe what they hear as sparrows gather.

6. Sparrow Talk Challenge
After a week or two, play the "Sparrow" sound clip (Downloadable Materials) in class. Ask the children to guess which sound is the one of sparrows roosting, testing their listening skills and memory.

Send photos of

☐ Listening and reacting to sounds in class

☐ Listening to bird sound outside

Resources & Equipment Needed

Nothing extra needed.

