



Week 12 Y4 Discovery

Classifying Living Things

Let's think like scientists

- Can you find out why spiders aren't insects?
- How could you find out what the most common insect was on your school field?
- What are the main differences between a reptile and an amphibian?



Living things can be sorted into plants and animals (animalia). This week we are looking at classifying animals.

Animals can be split into two further groups: **vertebrates** and **invertebrates**.

Invertebrates

- Invertebrates do not have a backbone
- Some have a hard shell on the outside of their bodies called an exoskeleton
- Some don't have a skeleton at all.



How are these two animals the same?



How are they different?

Insects

- Has a hard skeleton outside the body.
- Has six legs.
- Body has three main segments.
- Such as: beetles, bees, ants.

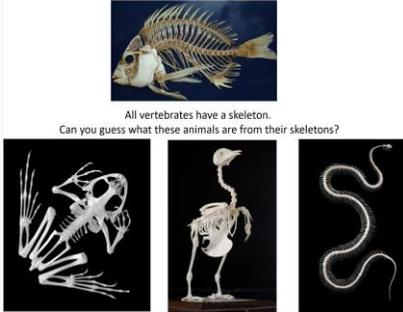


Spiders

- Has a hard skeleton outside the body.
- Has eight legs.
- Body has two main segments.
- Such as: spiders and scorpions.



All vertebrates have a skeleton.
Can you guess what these animals are from their skeletons?



Vertebrates can be classified into 5 groups:

- Reptiles
- Birds
- Fish
- Amphibians
- Mammals

Living Things

In this topic, you will:

- learn how living things can be classified
- use a simple key to identify living things
- learn about invertebrates and vertebrates
- learn how to sort and classify living things.

Plant or animal?

Did you know?

- There are over 1 million different types of insect.
- For every person on Earth there are 1.5 billion insects!



Music Lessons Year 3 and 4

Each week we will upload lessons sent by Mrs Bird as part of your Music Sound Start program you would normally get in school. The files and videos are uploaded to Charanga Yumu. You can login in here: <http://www.croydonmusicandarts-soundworks.co.uk/yumu/login>

The lessons are designed so you can do them without having your instrument at home (if you do that is also helpful). You should have a Charanga login sent to you from your class teacher, if you don't have one please let them know and they will send it. Email any work to your class teacher and they will forward it to Mrs Bird.

Log in to continue your music lessons from where we left off in school. You will not need your instrument. Mrs. Bird will update these lessons weekly. I will send you your password in case you have forgotten it!

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Wildlife in the garden
Don't have a garden? You don't need one- just a windowsill or jar with holes in the lid...

All these creatures can be found in and around our gardens and woodland. What does it need to survive?

Can you design a habitat for one of these creatures?

[Video - How can we help wild animals?](#)

[The wildlife garden project- how to help a hedgehog](#)



Art

[Take a look at the art of Mark Powell. He uses a biro and odd bits of paper to create fantastic artwork. Can you use his ideas to create some art of your own?](#)

Online safety - try these new activities from Thinkuknow with an adult- the resource is about giving advice to someone when they have been upset by someone else online

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/globalassets/thinkuknow/documents/thinkuknow-parents/pdf/thinkuknow-8-10s-home-activity-sheet-4.pdf>

Bird	Fish	Reptile	Which groups are missing?
			

Vocabulary

characteristics
classification
environment
habitat
key
organism

Present a mini project about one of these animals.

What can you find out about them?

What features help you to classify them?

What habitat do they live in?

What do they eat?

Are they a predator or prey?

How would you group these animals?
What headings would you use?
How are they the same and how are they different?

Choose some of the creatures from the pictures on the right.

All these creatures can be found in and around our gardens and woodland, and certainly around the school playing fields.

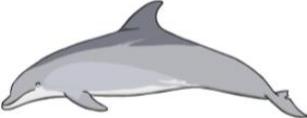
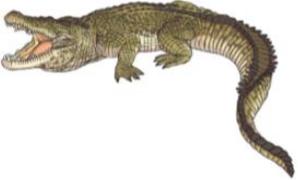
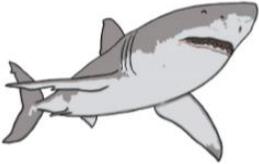
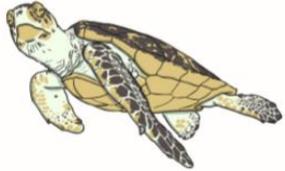
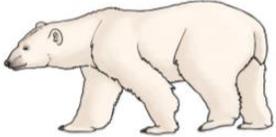
What type of living thing is each one?

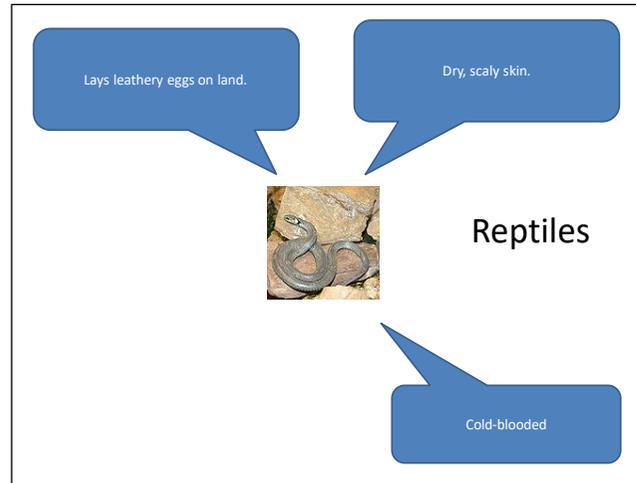
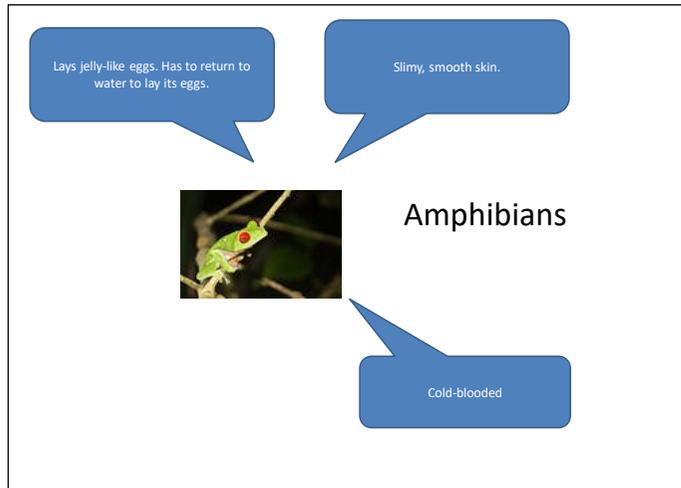
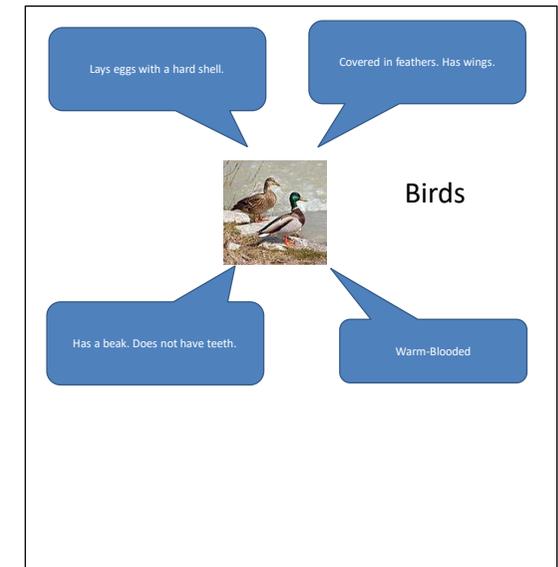
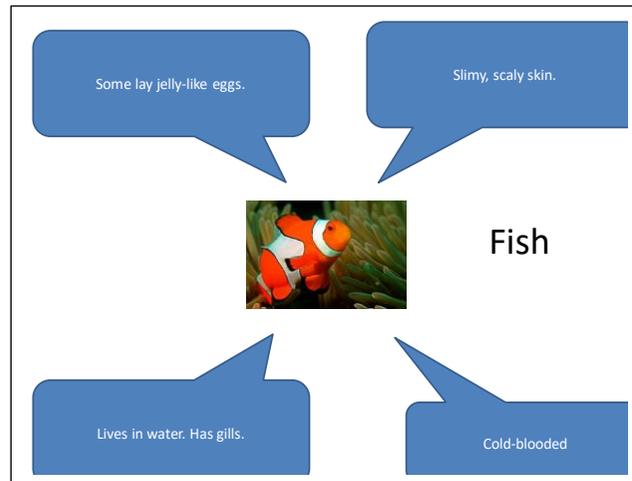
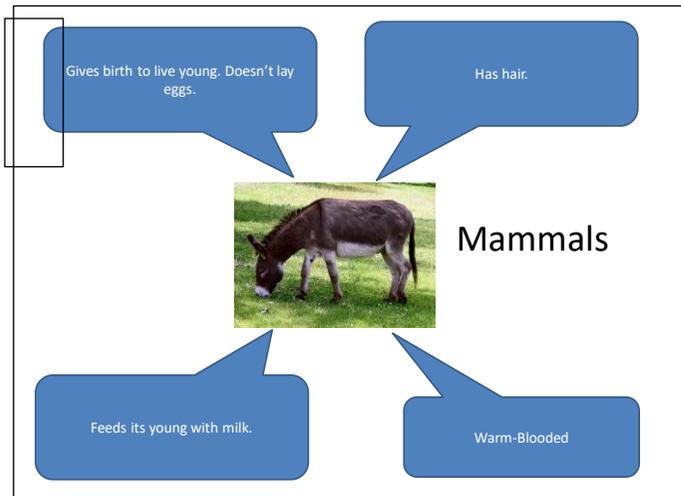
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whale  Lives in water Gives birth Breathes air	salmon  Lives in water Lays eggs Breathes through gills	brown crab  Lives in water Lays eggs Breathes through gills
dolphin  Lives in water Gives birth Breathes air	snake  Lives on land Lays eggs Breathes air	crocodile  Lives in water Lays eggs Breathes air
shark  Lives in water Gives birth Breathes through gills	chameleon  Lives on land Lays eggs Breathes air	giant tortoise  Lives on land Lays eggs Breathes air
sea turtle  Lives in water Lays eggs Breathes air	octopus  Lives in water Lays eggs Breathes through gills	polar bear  Lives on land Gives birth Breathes air



These are the main ways we classify the five types of vertebrates. Look up classification and see if you can find any more ways to describe these groups.

Use this list:

1. Use the venn diagram to sort these animals into groups
2. Design your own diagram to sort the animals by different criteria

bats peacock snail echidna earthworm
snake lobster tortoise eel starfish jellyfish
lemur shrimp wolf mouse gorilla brown bear
gazelle whale lion pangolins sea lion
koala elephant walrus stingray gecko rhino
panda bear squirrels turtle slug chameleon
beetle frog clownfish ostrich crab emu
crocodile

praying mantis flamingo swan mosquito
dragonfly pigeon toucan hummingbird
chicken bee goose eagle ladybird

Grouping Animals Extension

