Science – Living Things and Their Habitats (Year 6)



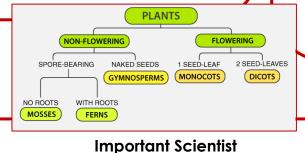
Key Vocabulary

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Vertebrate	Animals that have a backbone: fish, amphibians,
	reptiles, birds and mammals.
Fish	- cold-blooded
	- scales covering its body
	- has fins
	- lives in water, lays eggs in
	water
	- breathes through gills
Amphibian	- cold-blooded
	- start as eggs in water and
	breathe through gills
	- later develop lungs and live
	on land and in water
	- lays eggs in water
	- damp skin/body
Reptile	- cold-blooded
	- breathes with lungs
	- dry, scaly skin
	- lay soft-shelled eggs on land
Bird	- warm-blooded
	- breathes with lungs
	- lays eggs with hard shells
	- covered with feathers
	- have wings but not all can fly
Mammal	- warm-blooded
	- have fur or hairy skin
	- give birth to live young
	- feed their young milk
Invertebrate	Animals that do not have a
	backbone. Can be divided
	into several groups such as
	insects, arachnids, molluscs

Key Learning and investigation

Children will classify living things into broad groups according to observable characteristics and based on similarities & differences.

They explore how living things have been classified and give reasons for classifying plants and animals in a specific way.



Carl Linnaeus (1707-1778)

Carl Linnaeus was a Swedish scientist who developed the modern system of classifying and naming organisms. The Linnaean classification system works on the level of similarity between organisms. It starts with two distinct groups, or Kingdoms, and goes right down to the species level.

What have I learnt before?

In Year 5 I described the differences in the life cycles of a mammal, an amphibian, an insect and a bird.

In Year 4 I explored and used classification keys to help group, identify and name a variety of living things in their local and wider environment.

Where will my learning go next?

In Year 6 I will also study animals including humans. Further classification of animals will take place in KS3

