St John's Primary School: Science knowledge organisers

Year group: Year 4





Key knowledge:

	Construction and invade	
Grouping animals		
Animals can first be split into two groups:		
Vertebrates or Invertebrates.		
Vertebrates		
There are 5	• Fish	
different types	 Amphibians 	
of vertebrates	 Reptiles 	
	Birds	
	 Mammals 	
Fish	Breathes with gills/ lays eggs in	
	water/ has fins and scales/ body	
	temperature changes.	
Amphibians	Born with gills then develops lungs/	
	lays eggs in water/ damp skin/ body	
	temperature changes.	
Reptiles	Breathes with lungs/ lays eggs on	
	land/ dry scaly skin/ body	
	temperature changes.	
Birds	Breathes with lungs/ lays eggs with	
	hard shells/ has feathers/ can often	
	fly/ has wings/ steady body	
	temperature.	
Mammals	Breathes with lungs/ babies are	
	born live/ has body hair or fur/	
	steady body temperature/ feeds	
	babies milk.	
Invertebrates		
There are 3	Insects	
different types	 Arachnids 	
of	 Molluscs 	
invertebrates		
Insects	3 body sections and 6 legs.	
Arachnids	2 body sections and 8 legs.	
Molluscs	Often slimy/ often have a shell.	
Changing habitats		
Environments ch	nanging can have a negative effect of	
Changing habitats can be dangerous for the animals		
and plants living there.		
The seasons can	change habitats with the weather	

e.g. bad wind or a large amount of rain fall.

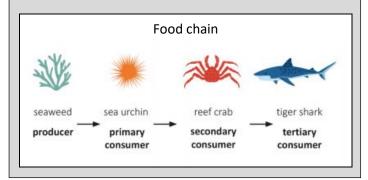
or chopping down trees.

Humans can change habitats e.g. by dropping litter

Key vocabulary:

Producer	Food chains start with a producer. This
	is usually a green plant that uses the
	sun to make their own food
Consumer	Get their energy from eating plants or
	other animals
Prey	Animals that get eaten by other
	animals
Predator	Animals that hunt, kill and eat other
	animals to get their food

Diagrams:

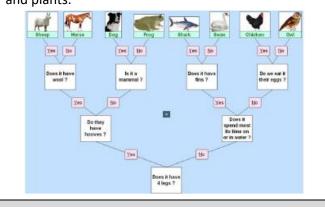


Possible experiences:

Using the internet to research what animals eat and using the information to create food chains.

Use food chains to create a simple food web showing

how different animals can eat the same things. Design a branch diagram to identify different animals and plants.



Key concepts:

Exploring	Grouping
Recognising	Naming
Classifying	Identifying