

Year 2 Science - Living things and their habitats



What should I already know?

- Know the names of a range of common animals.
- Understand the terms carnivore, herbivore and omnivore.
- Know that there are 5 main animal groups and understand their characteristics (e.g., warm/cold blooded, eggs, lungs/gills, fur/feathers/scales).
- Know that to survive, animals have the basic needs of water, food and air.

Key Knowledge

- A habitat provides everything a plant or animal needs to survive.
- All animals and plants have a habitat.
- Animal and plants found in our local area and in a woodland habitat: mammals, birds, deciduous trees (a tree that loses it's leaves during Autumn), evergreen trees (a tree that keeps it's leaves all year round), moss and ferns.
- In woodland habitats, some animals eat plants and others use plants for shelter.
- Animals and plants found in polar habitats: carnivores, herbivores, arctic plants.
- Polar animals can survive in extremely cold weather. Polar animals are carnivores and herbivores.
- A desert is an area often covered in sand with very little rainfall.
- Animals and plants found in desert habitats: reptiles (an animal with dry scales), cactus (a plant with spines).
- Desert animals can survive in extremely hot weather and some plants can survive for a long time without water.
- Animals and plants found in **ocean habitats**: fish, mammals (an animal with fur our hair), seagrass (a plant that grows and lives in the water).
- Some ocean animals eat plants and others use plants for shelter or to hide from other animals.
- Animals and plants found in microhabitats: insects, spiders, snails.
- A food chain shows how different living things rely on each other. Some animals eat other living things for energy.
- Living things need certain things to survive such as water, food, shelter and air. When something is dead, it was once living.
- Some things were **never alive**, such as rocks, water or toys.

Key Vocabulary and Definitions

A place where an animal or plant lives.
A very small habitat in places like under a
rock, under leaves or n a branch.
Many living things in a habitat depend on
each other which means they need each other
for different things.
To stay alive.
Things that all living things do such as move,
breathe, grow, get rid of waste and get their
energy from food.
Something that is alive such as a living plant
and living animal.
Something that was once living but is now not
alive.
Something that has never been living.
The order in which energy is passed from one
plant or animal to another when they are
eaten.
An animal that eats other animals.
An animal that eats plants.
An animal that eats other animals and plants.





