Year 4 Summer 2 Living Things and Their Environment

Learning objectives for this topic

- To recognise that living things can be grouped in a variety of ways
- To explore and use classification keys to help group, identify and name a variety of living things in their local and wider environment
- To recognise that environments can change and that this can sometimes pose dangers to living things



Key vocabulary and spellings

Characteristics

The distinguishing features or qualities that are specific to a species.

Classification

This is where plants or animals are placed into groups according to their similarities.

Endangered species

A plant or animal where there are not many of their species left and scientists are concerned that the species may become extinct.

Environment

An environment contains many habitats and these include areas where there are both living and non-living things.

Extinct When a species has no more members alive on the planet, it is extinct.

Habitat

The specific area or place in which particular animals or plants may live.

Invertebrates

Animals without a backbone.

Specimen

A particular plant or animal that scientists study to find out about its species.

Vertebrates

Animals with a backbone.

Useful websites to search for

The living world - KS2 Science - BBC Bitesize

<u>Life and living things |</u>
<u>TheSchoolRun</u>

Key scientists and people

David Attenborough



Jane Goodall

