Paganel Primary School –Knowledge Organiser

Year Group: 4 Topic: living things and their habitats

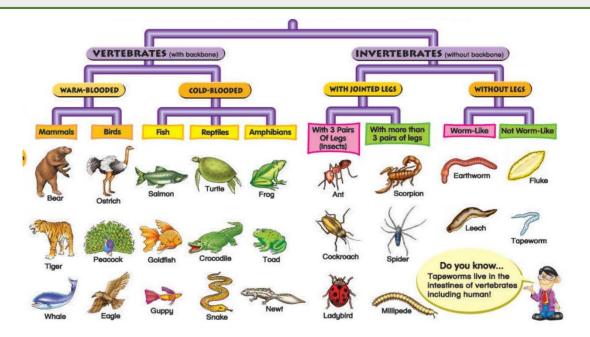
What? (Key Knowledge)		
Grouping living things		
Animals can be put into one of two groups	Vertebrates or Invertebrates	
Vertebrates		
Vertebrates	Are animals with a backbone	
There are 5 ways Vertebrates can be grouped	 Fish Amphibians Reptiles Birds Mammals 	
How to spot a Fish	Breathes with gills/lays eggs in water/ has fins and scales/its body temperature changes	
How to spot an Amphibian	Born with gills then develops lungs/ lays eggs in water/damp skin/body temperature changes	
How to spot a Reptile	Breathes with lungs/lays eggs on land/ dry scaly skin/body temperature changes	
How to spot a Bird	Breathes with lungs/lays eggs with hard shells/has feathers/steady body temperature	
How to spot a Mammal	Breathes with lungs/babies are born live/body hair or fur/steady body temperature/feeds babies milk	
Invertebrates		
Invertebrates	Invertebrates are animals with no backbones.	
There are 3 ways Invertebrates can be grouped	InsectsArachnidsMolluscs	
How to spot an Insect	3 body sections/6 legs	
How to spot an Arachnid	• 2 body sections/8 legs	
How to spot a Mollusc	Slimy foot/Often have a shell	
Plant Groups		
Plants can be put into one of two groups	Flowering plants or Non-Flowering plants	
	Flowering Plants	
Flowering plants are made of four groups	Grasses/Cere als/Garden Shrubs/ Deciduous Trees (Lose their leaves)	
N	lon-Flowering Plants	
Non-Flowering plants are made of three groups	Algae/Coniferous (Evergreen) Trees/ Ferns	
Changing Habitats		
What is a habitat?	Where a plant or animals lives. The seasons can change habitats with the weather and plant life in the habitat changing.	
How can habitats change?	Humans can change habitats, for example by dropping litter or chopping down trees.	

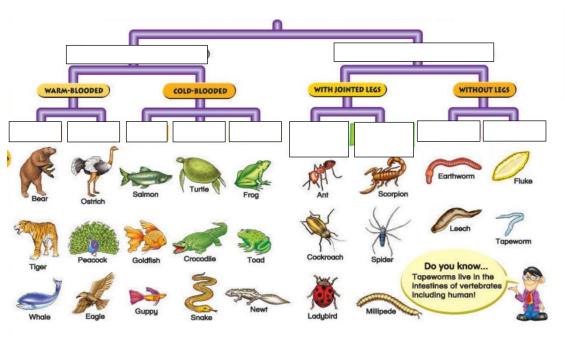
What? (Key Vocabulary)	
Spelling	Definition/Sentence
Photosynthesis	the process by which green plants use sunlight to gain nutrients from carbon dioxide and water.
pollen	a fine powdery substance, typically yellow, consisting of grains discharged from the male part of a flower, which can fertilise the female part of the flower.
pollination	the transfer of pollen to a stigma, ovule, flower, or plant to allow fertilisation.
Seed formation	the formation of the seed completes the process of reproduction in plant
Wind dispersal	movement of seeds away from the parent plant via wind
Animal dispersal	movement of seeds away from the parent plant via animal digestion
Water dispersal	movement of seeds away from the parent plant via water transportation.

Take it further at home...

- Locate a range of habitats in your local area
- Classify the animals and plants you can find
- Design own keys and branch diagrams to identify animals and plants.
- Create an database of animals and plants in your local area to update with sightings)
- Fill in the vocabulary chart try and do this from memory with them!

Diagram and symbols





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