

Classifying Creatures!

Key Vocabulary

Classify - to divide things into groups or types so that things with similar characteristics are in the same group.

Characteristics - the qualities or features that belong to a person or a thing and make them recognizable.

Vertebrates - a creature which has a spine.

Mammals, birds, reptiles, and fish are vertebrates.

Invertebrates - a creature that does not have a spine, for example an insect, a worm, or an octopus.

Organism - an animal or plant.

Microorganism - a very small living thing which you can only see if you use a microscope.

Links:

In Reception, we learnt to:

- Explain the similarities and differences between the natural world around us

In Year 2, we learnt to:

- Identify and name a number of plants of animals and their habitats

In Year 4, we learnt to:

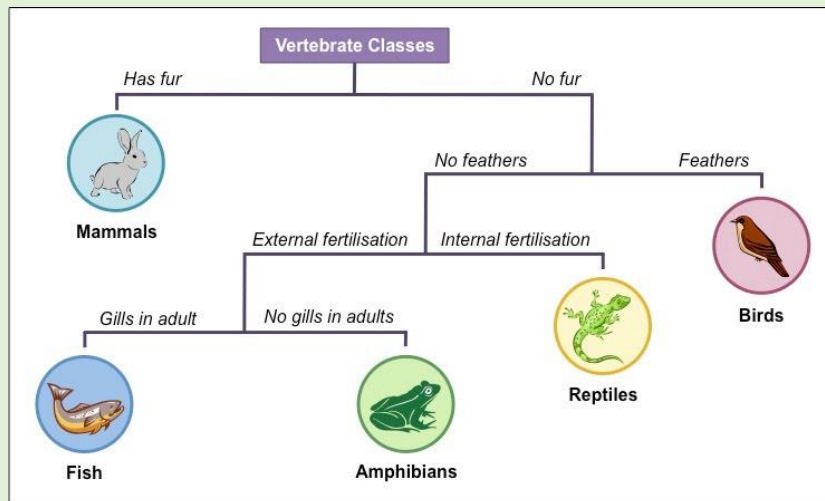
- Show that living things can be grouped in different ways.
- Use classification keys to help us identify and name living things.

In Year 5, we learnt to:

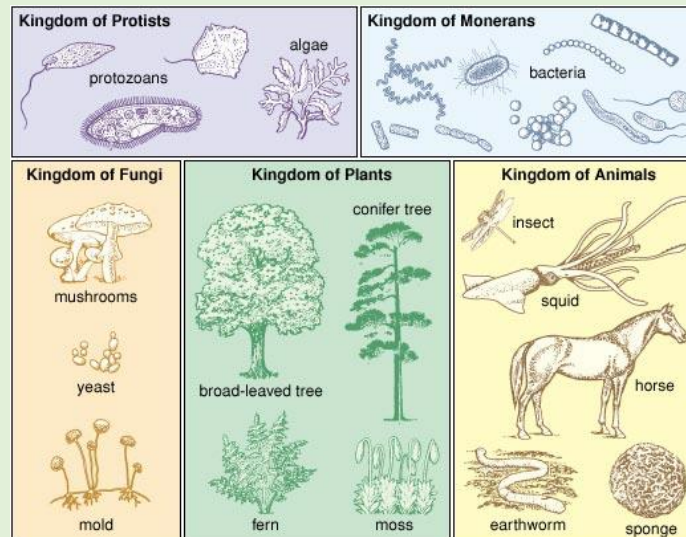
- Describe the differences between the life cycles of mammals, amphibians, insects and birds.

We will also be building on our scientific skills of asking questions, sorting and grouping and recording results.

Key Knowledge - example of classification key



Key Knowledge - classification groups



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