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	Year Group:	Term:		Topic/Unit :	Topic/Unit :	
	6	Summer		Living things and the	Living things and their habitat	
National Curriculum Programme of Study	 Describe how living things are classified into broad groups according to common observable characteristics and based on similarities and differences, including microorganisms, plants and animals. Give reasons for classifying plants and animals based on specific characteristics 					
Prior Learning	 Recognise that living things can be grouped in a variety of ways. (Y4 - Living things and their habitats) Explore and use classification keys to help group, identify and name a variety of living things in their local and wider environment. (Y4 - Living things and their habitats) Describe the differences in the life cycles of a mammal, an amphibian, an insect and a bird. (Y5 - Living things and their habitats) Describe the life process of reproduction in some plants and animals. (Y5 - Living things and their habitats) 					
Future Learning	• Differences between species. (KS3)					
Links to other subjects	PSHE – Hygiene What do different types of microorganisms do? Are they always harmful?					
Enrichment	Interview a zoologist/ visit to/ from animals					
Working Scientifically	Comparative tests	Identify and classify	Observation over time	Pattern seeking	Research French Go Hermit Hermit Go Hermit Hermit Go Hermit Hermit Go Hermit Go Hermit Go Hermit Go Hermit Go Hermit Hermit Go Hermit Go Hermit Hermit Hermit Go Hermit Hermit	
	How does the temperature affect how much gas is produced by yeast?	How can we identify, group and classify plants, animals and microorganisms?	What happens to a piece of bread if you leave it on the windowsill for two weeks?	Do all flowers have the same number of petals?	What do different types of microorganisms do? Are they always harmful?	
Working Scientifically Assessment Focus	Review: Interpret and Report – Living things – Invertebrate research Working Scientifically: Review: Report and present findings using appropriate scientific language Assessment Focus Can children report and present information about an invertebrate classification group?					
Sticky vocabulary	Vertebrates, fish, amphibians, reptiles, birds, mammals, invertebrates, insects, spiders, snails, worms, flowering, non-flowering Working scientifically vocabulary: evidence, justify, relationship,					
End points	 Living things can be formally grouped according to characteristics. Plants and animals are two main groups but there are other livings things that do not fit into these groups e.g. micro-organisms such as bacteria and yeast, and toadstools and mushrooms. Plants can make their own food whereas animals cannot. Animals can be divided into two main groups: those that have backbones (vertebrates); and those that do not (invertebrates). Vertebrates can be divided into five small groups: fish; amphibians; reptiles; birds; and mammals. Each group has common characteristics. 					

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- Invertebrates can be divided into a number of groups, including insects, spiders, snails and worms.
- Plants can be divided broadly into two main groups: flowering plants; and non-flowering plants.