Year 2 – Living things and their habitats

Knowledge

- To know the differences between things that are living, dead and things that have been alive.
- To know that most living things live in habitats to which they are situated. To know that different kinds of animals and plants depend on each other.
- To know and name a variety of plants and animals in their habitats including microhabitats.
- To know how animals obtain their food from plants and other animals, using the idea of a simple food chain and identify and name different sources of food.

Skills

- Identifying and classifying.

This could be achieved by exploring, classifying and comparing the differences between things that are 'alive', 'dead', or 'never alive'.

 Using their observations and ideas to suggest answers to questions.

This could be achieved by designing a habitat for an animal based on their observations of habitats and the animals needs.

- Observing closely, using simple equipment.

This could be achieved by using a magnifying glass to look at a small area of a habitat. e.g. school field.

(Researching using secondary resourcesresearching which animals live in a habitat).

(Pattern seeking-any features that animals have the same within a habitat).

(Grouping and classifying).

Vocabulary

Habitat

Food chain

Deciduous

Evergreen

Predator

Prev

Preload

- Light some animals come out in the daylight whilst others are nocturnal
- Sound look at nocturnal animals and the importance of hearing
- Evolution and inheritance –
 Discussion of extinct animals over time e.g. dinosaurs
- Animals inc humans habitats provide basic needs for animals and plants (food – touch upon food chains)