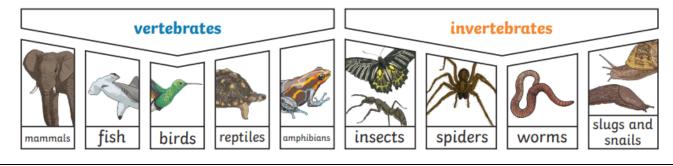


Science Year 4 Focus: Living things and their Habitats Age related scientific vocabulary

vertebrate	An organism with a spine (backbone)	environment	The surroundings or conditions in which a person, animal, or plant lives or operates.
invertebrate	An organism without a spine (backbone)		



Key Knowledge

- All living organisms share seven life processes (characteristics) Movement Respiration Sensitivity Growth Reproduction Excretion Nutrition this is how we know they are alive!
- Living things have lots of other similarities, and many differences too. We can use these similarities and differences to sort the living things into groups.
- When looking at animals, scientists usually split them into two groups: **vertebrates** (animals **with** a backbone) and **invertebrates** (animals **without** a backbone).
- Classification keys are a way of identifying living things through a series of questions based on their similarities and differences.
- Habitats can change for many different reasons. Some of these changes are natural (earthquakes, storms, floods etc), however most changes to habitats of living things are caused by humans (deforestation, pollution, urbanisation etc).
- Such changes to the environment can result in a species becoming endangered.

Science	Carlton Assessment Grid					
Success	Pupil Reflection		Teacher Assessment			
	Before	After				
I can group living things						
	Before	After				
I can identify vertebrates and						
	Before	After				
I can use a classification key to						
I can use a classification key to	Before	After				
environment						
I recognise that environments can be changed to impact living things positively and negatively		Before	After			