

KS1: Living things and their habitats.



Key vocabulary		
Dead	Not alive. The organs needed for	
	living are not working.	
Feature	A characteristic of an	
	environment.	
Food chain	A sequence of living things that	
	provide food and energy to each	
	other through eating.	
Habitat	Where something lives.	
Living	To have life, eat, breathe, respire	
	(sleep).	
Microhabitat	A place to live which is like a	
	bigger environment.	
Shelter	A safe place to protect from harm.	
Source	The start of a process.	
Suitable	Can be used for a purpose.	
Suited	Works well with.	

Key Knowledge				
Preceding	General knowledge children may have:			
	 Not everything is alive. 			
	 Things that are alive can die. 			
	 Where something lives is its home. 			
	 Animals eat food in the wild. 			
	 Humans buy their food from shops. 			
Current	 Some things are alive like humans, animals 			
	and plants.			
	 Some things are dead like dinosaurs. 			
	 Some things have never been alive like 			
	plastic toys.			
	 Some things were once alive like wood, that 			
	comes from trees.			
	 All living things have a habitat, it keeps 			
	them warm and safe. They can get food			
	here too.			
	 In the habitats lots of things need each 			
	other to live this is called food chains.			
	 Humans live in houses. Birds live in nests. 			
	These are their habitats.			

Scientific Enquiry		
Observing over time	What conditions do woodlice (insects) prefer to live in?	
Identifying and classifying	How would you group things to show which are living, dead or have never been alive?	
Pattern seeking	Which habitat do worms prefer - where can we find the most worms?	
Research	How does the habitat of the artic compare to the habitat of the rainforest?	