Overview – Year 4 Spring 2 Living Things and their Habitats

| Lesson | Objectives | Scientific enquiry | Equipment list |
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| 1 How can we sort living things? | Know what is meant by characteristics Know some characteristics of non-flowering plants Sort plants into groups | The booklet acts as a source of secondary information, observing, identifying and grouping, classifying, pattern-seeking, making conclusions based on evidence | Booklet, poster paper, colouring pens, mixed crafts |
| 2. Name the different types of vertebrates | Name the different types of vertebrates Give some characteristics of different types of vertebrates Summarise the similarities and differences between different types of vertebrates | The booklet acts as a source of secondary information, observing, identifying and grouping, classifying, pattern-seeking, making conclusions based on evidence | |
| 3.What are invertebrates? | Recognise different types of invertebrates Give some characteristics of different types of invertebrates Compare the characteristics of different invertebrates | The booklet acts as a source of secondary information, observing, identifying and grouping, classifying, pattern-seeking, making conclusions based on evidence | |
| 4. What is a classification key? | Develop questions that can be used to sort living things in to groups Use a classification key Construct a classification key | The booklet acts as a source of secondary information, observing, identifying and grouping, classifying, pattern-seeking, making conclusions based on evidence | |
| 5. How can we see living things in their habitat? | Understand ways habitats can change naturally Consider ways humans have changed habitats | Follow a simple practical procedure, observation over time, making a conclusion based on evidence | Large, white sheet, magnifying glass, camera (optional), pooter, 'Invertebrates Hunt' sheet, sterilising fluid |

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| | Suggest ways humans can positively affect habitats | | |
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| 6. How do humans affect plant and animal habitats? | Understand ways habitats change naturally Consider ways humans have changed habitats Suggest ways humans can positively affect habitats | Pupils use a video clip as a secondary source of data to answer questions Pupils make anti-litter posters | Poster paper and mixed crafts |