ELG Understanding the World – Natural World

Explore the natural world around them, making observations and drawing pictures of animals and plants.

Key Vocabulary

Leaf, flower, blossom, petal, fruit, berry, root, seed, trunk, branch, stem, bark, stalk, bud Head, body, eyes, ears, mouth, teeth, leg, tail, wing, claw, fin, scales, feathers, fur, beak, paws, hooves

Investigations and Skills for thinking like a Scientist











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Sticky Knowledge:

Name common plants and animals and describe their different parts.

To know how to care for their teeth.

To make healthy food choices

Comparative Tests | Identify & Classify | Observation over time | Pattern seeking | R | Prior Knowledge:

Which potato plant had the most potatoes? Which sunflower grew the tallest?

Sorting and grouping living things – leaves by characteristics.

Observe an apple core turning brown over time Plant seeds and bulbs and observe over time. Butterfly hatching Forest school observations Which animals hibernate?
Which birds are outside in the winter? Which animals are nocturnal? Would a Tiger really come to Tea? (which animals are good pets?)

Explore and respond to different natural phenomena in their setting and on trips (Birth to 3) e.g splashing puddles, been to woods and beach, seeing blossom

- Potential Evidence to support our Scientists (I can..):
- I can name common plants and animals
- I can describe the key features of these named animals and plants
- I can describe which animals are good pets
- I can describe what different animals eat
- During PE lessons, I can follow instructions involving parts of the body
- I can identify parts of the body on pictures and diagrams
- I can explore inside and outside the classroom using different sense
- I can describe how to look after my teeth
- I can make heathy food choices

Future Knowledge:

Identify and name a variety of common animals including fish, amphibians, reptiles, birds and mammals.

Identify and name a variety of common animals that are carnivores, herbivores and omnivores.

Identify, name, draw and label the basic parts of the human body and say which part of the body is associated with each sense (Year 1 animals)

Identify and name a variety of common wild and garden plants, including deciduous and evergreen trees.

Identify and describe the basic structure of a variety of common flowering plants, including trees. (Year 1 plants)

Big Question: What are different animals and plants like?

Cultural Capital		
Visits and visitors	Experiences and events	Key texts
Forest School Sessions Hedgehog Rescue Farming live events School trip Redwood, farm trips	On site Forest School sessions Care for plants in class Grow plants to eat in the class garden	Tiny Seed Eric Carle Hungry Caterpillar Eric Carle The Tiger who came to tea? Judith Kerr
Community events and links	Global issues	Famous people/ Key Scientists
Allotments in Wickwar Harvest festival Food banks	Endangered animals Preserving water	
Life Skills Learning relationships, adaptability	Key places Class garden and school woodland	