## Year 4 Science Living things and their habitats - Knowledge Mat

Subject Specific Vocabulary		Living things and their habitats	
organisms	An individual form of life, such as a plant, animal, bacterium, or fungus; a body made up of organs, or other parts that work together to carry on the various processes of life.		
classification	To classify things means to place them in different categories or groups. Scientists place living things in groups based on the features that the living things share.	mammal fish reptile bird amphibian	
micro-habitat	A habitat which is of small or limited extent and which differs from some of the larger surrounding habitat.	Key knowledge	Vertebrate Invertebrate
habitat	A habitat is the home of an animal or a plant. Almost every place on Earth - from the hottest desert to the coldest ice pack - is a habitat for some kinds of animals and plants.	<ul> <li>Recognise that living things can be grouped in a variety of ways.</li> </ul>	
species	A group of animals, plants or other living things that all share common characteristics and that are all classified as alike in some manner.	<ul> <li>Use classification keys to help group, identify and name a variety of living things in their local and wider environment.</li> </ul>	
vertebrates	A vertebrate animal is one that has a backbone.	<ul> <li>Recognise that environments can change and that this can sometimes pose dangers to living things and their habitats.</li> </ul>	
invertebrates	An Invertebrate animal does not have a backbone and 97% of creatures belong to this group.	<ul> <li>Raise and answer questions based on observations of animals and what we have found out about other animals that we have researched.</li> </ul>	Micro-habitat