

## **MEDIUM TERM PLAN**

TERM: Autumn 1		YEAR GROUP: Year 6		SUBJECT: Science Living things: Classifying big & small	
WEEK 1 DATE: 02.09.24	WEEK 2 DATE: 09.09.24	WEEK 3 DATE: 16.09.24	WEEK 4 DATE: 23.09.24	WEEK 5 DATE: 30.09.24	WEEK 6 DATE: 7.09.24
LO: To explain how organisms are classified using the Linnaean system.  Success Criteria: I can define the term 'organism'. I can describe the work of Carl Linnaeus. I can organise a diagram to show the Linnaean system.  Main Event: Children to watch the video. Children to work in groups to act out and perform ow Carl Linnaeus developed the Linnaean system.  Support: Could read the part of one of the naturalists on the Activity: Carl Linnaeus role play when acting out how he developed the Linnaean classification system.  Challenge: Could write additional lines for the Activity: Carl Linnaeus role play to explain how modern science has further developed	LO: To classify the cold-blooded vertebrate groups using their common characteristics.  Success Criteria: I can define the term 'vertebrate'. I can name the vertebrate groups. I can describe the characteristics of fish, amphibians and reptiles. I can use a branching key to identify the cold-blooded vertebrates.  Main Event: Children to watch the video. Children to use the research cards to help them add information about the three cold-blooded vertebrate groups to their posters. Children to complete the branching keys activity.  Support: Use the Activity: Cold-blooded vertebrates poster: support version and fill in the blanks. Challenge: Should use facts from the 'Extra information' section in the Resource: Cold-blooded vertebrates research cards when completing their posters; could compare the similarities and differences between the cold-blooded vertebrates.	LO: To classify the warm-blooded vertebrate groups using their common characteristics.  Success Criteria: I can describe the characteristics of birds and mammals. I can compare the characteristics of vertebrate groups. I can use a classification key to identify and classify vertebrates.  Main Event: Show the children the video. Using the research cards, ask the children to complete the sentences on the storyboard and draw pictures to accompany each caption.  Support: Could use the Activity: Mammals storyboard: support version.  Challenge: Should be encouraged to compare birds to other vertebrates in their scripts; could use the Activity: Mammals storyboard: extension version; should use facts from the 'Extra information' section in the Resource: Warm-blooded vertebrates research cards when completing their storyboard.	LO: To classify invertebrates.  Success Criteria: I can define the term 'invertebrate'.  I can describe the characteristics of worms, snails, spiders and insects.  I can compare the characteristics of the invertebrate groups.  I can use a classification key to identify and classify invertebrates.  Main Event: Children to use dough/clay to make a model of the different invertebrate groups: worms, snails (from the molluscs group), spiders and insects (both from the arthropods group).  Support: Could work in pairs to make their invertebrate models, alternating between modelling the clay and adding the labels each round.  Challenge: Could create a table (similar to the Activity: Vertebrate characteristics table) to compare the characteristics of the invertebrates.	LO: To describe how the plant kingdom is organised (based on shared characteristics).  Working scientifically: To produce a working classification key.  Success Criteria: I can name the plant groups and describe their characteristics.  Working scientifically: I can organise the layout of a classification key.  Working scientifically: I can design appropriate questions for classification keys.  Main Event: Children to create a 'plant collage' based on the plant classification collage recipe they have chosen in groups of 4. Children to present.  Support: Choose six leaves or fewer for the Activity: Classifying leaves; could use the question prompts on slide 3 of the Presentation: Classifying leaves when creating a classification key.  Challenge: Include the 'extra information' from the Activity: Plant classification collage recipes in their presentation; could use all nine leaves in their classifying leaves; could make both a number and a branching key.	LO: To describe and classify microorganisms.  Success Criteria: I can define the term 'micro-organism'. I can name some micro-organisms. I can classify micro-organisms using a classification key.  Main Event: Focussing on bacteria. Children to write a short poem or limerick about bacteria using some of the keywords.  Support: Could pick only three keywords when writing their poem about bacteria; could structure their poem as a 'What am I?' riddle and focus on creating clues using the keywords.  Challenge: Could include most of the poem keywords; could illustrate their poem with a diagram of a bacteria.