



Year 2 – Autumn 1 – Awesome Africa

Living Things and their Habitats

This term we will learn about the differences between living, dead and never alive. We will explore different habitats and which animals and plants are suited to these. We will also look at food chains.

Science

Key Questions

- How can you tell if something is living, dead or never been alive?
- Where do animals and plants live?
- Where do minibeast live?
- How do animals adapt to their environments?
- How do animals obtain their food?

7 Life Processes

Characteristics of living things

- M**ovement
- R**espiration
- S**ensitivity
- G**rowth
- R**eproduction
- E**xcretion
- N**utrition



Key Vocabulary:

Living

Things that are living perform the 7 life processes.



Dead

Things that are no longer living. Dead animals, plants and parts of these use to make other things.



Never Alive

Objects made of rock, metal and plastic have never been alive.



Food Chain

A way of showing how animals get their food.



Habitat

The place where an animal or plant lives. They provide shelter, food and a safe place to raise their young.



Microhabitat

A small habitat within a larger habitat.



Home Learning Suggestions

- Hunt – can you hunt around the house, garden or outdoor space to find examples of *living, dead and things that have never been alive*. Can you put them into groups or categories and talk about things that are similar or different?
- In the garden or an outdoor space, investigate any habitats and/or microhabitats. Take photos or record drawings of what you find.