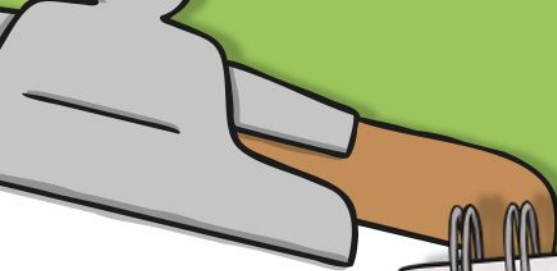


Field Guide



Aim

- I can classify organisms found in my local habitat.
- I can explain the classification of organisms found in my local habitat.

Success Criteria

- I can group living things according to whether they are plants or animals.
- I can classify living things according to their characteristics.
- I can give reasons for the classification of different organisms.
- I can identify the characteristics of different groups of organisms.

Field Guide

A field guide is a book designed to help the reader identify the living things that can be found in a particular habitat.

Imagine that you have been asked to use your knowledge of classifying living things to create a field guide for the habitat around your school.

You will have to explore the habitat, identify the organisms that you find and then classify each organism to create your field guide.

At the end of the lesson, you will present your field guide to an audience, who may use it to identify the species they find in the local area.



Field Guide



Your first task is to explore the habitat yourselves!

Carefully search your garden or an outside area. You should look for plants and animals. Remember, it is important that you do not touch or eat any of the organisms you find. It could be very dangerous!

Use your Local Species Activity Sheet to make a record of some of the different organisms you discover. You may wish to draw a quick sketch of any unfamiliar organisms.

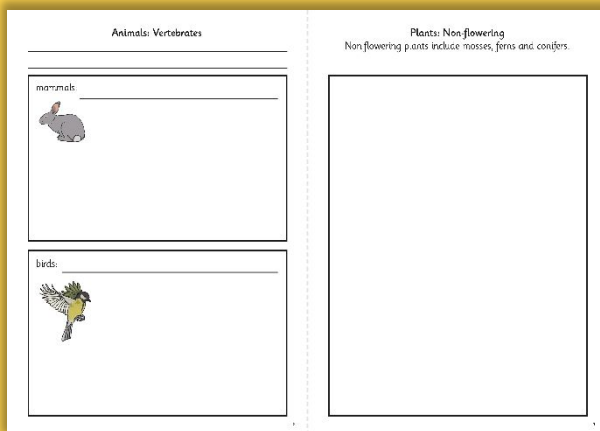
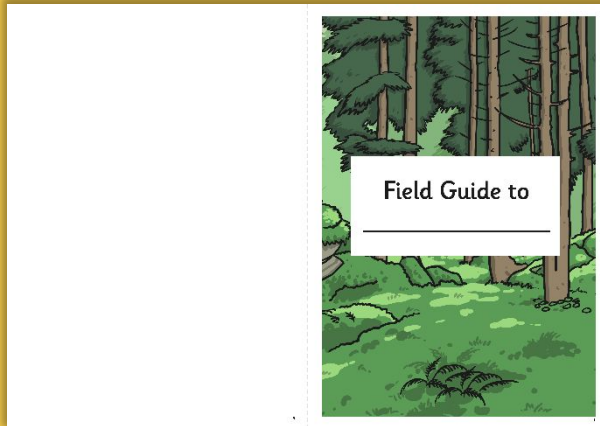
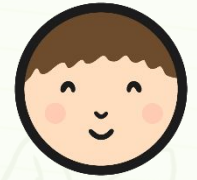
If you find more than one example of a species, you do not need to record it more than once. For example, you might find lots of dandelions, but you should only record 'dandelion' once on your activity sheet.

Use the Plants and Animals ID Sheets to help you identify some of the organisms you find.

Local Species

Animals	Plants

Create



Now that you have identified some of the organisms that live in the habitat around your house, it is time to create your field guide.

Use the Field Guide Activity Sheet to create your book. You will need to decide how each living thing is classified, and list it in the correct place in the field guide.

You may also wish to add a picture of each organism.

Include a description of each group of living things, including information about their characteristics.