

Holy Family Catholic Primary School Cronton



Year 4: Science spring term 1	<u>Unit:</u> Human Impact	Theme: Living Things and their environment				
What I should already know:	What I will know by the end of the unit:	Vocabulary				
 * The names of some common wild and garden plants, deciduous and evergreen trees. * Examples of habitats (including microhabitats) and the animals and plants that can be found there. * Living things depend on each other to survive. * Food chains * How land use has changed over time and the effect this has on the environment Fact File Humans can have a negative impact on the local environment through different types of pollution (e.g. litter, chemical, air, noise) and through destruction of habitats. However, they can also have a positive impact when developments are designed to be environmentally friendly, when they improve sites and where parks, nature reserves and other green spaces are deliberately created.	*I can talk about some positive and negative ways that humans change the environment, locally and globally, with a particular focus on how this affects other living things. *I understanding that actions can have both positive and negative consequences, that situations are not black and white, and that decisions involve compromises. *I can talk about how industry, housing and thoughtless behaviour can damage local habitats and also how humans can increase biodiversity by developing environments such as country parks and nature reserves. Key Scientist Greta Thunberg born 3 January 2003, is a Swedish environmental activist who is known for challenging world leaders to take immediate action for climate change mitigation. Food chains Food chains Form the above illustration, for example, the food chain below can be extracted: Leaf litter woodlouse where the odd chain below can be extracted:	Amphibian	A cold-blooded vertebrate that can live in water and on land			
		Bird	Warm-blooded vertebrates with feathers, pointed beaks and wings.			
		Carnivore	An animal that eats meat			
		Characteristics	Key features belonging to a person, place or thing.			
		Endangered Species	Risk of extinction.			
		Environment	Surroundings in which a person, animal or plant lives.			
		Extinct	Having no living members.			
		Habitat	The natural environment in which an animal or plant normally lives or grows.			
How can environments change? Habitats can change throughout the year and this can		Herbivores	An animal that only eats vegetables			
have an effect on the plants and animals living there.		Man made	Made or caused by humans.			
Humans can have positive effects on the environment, e.g. nature reserves, but instead often damage it. People-made Threats to the Environment Air-pollution from cars, e.g. carbon monoxide, and the burning of fossil fuels. Water pollution through industrial waste and farm fertilisers that can pollute rivers and streams. Rubbish— Plastic and household waste ends up on the streets, in the sea or in rubbish dumps, destroying habitats and wildlife.		Natural Biomes	Existed or came from nature - not by human. Natural area of vegetation and animals.			
		Mammal	A warm-blooded vertebrate that breaths air and grows hair.			
		Microhabitat	A small part of the environment that supports a habitat.			
		Omnivore	Person or animal that eats both meat and plants.			
		Organism	A living thing.			
		Vegetation	Plants, trees and flowers.			

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