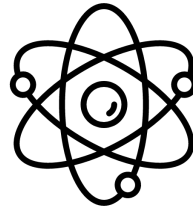


## *We will be learning about...*

*This half term, we will be learning about living things and their habitats. We will be studying a variety of plants and animals in their habitats as well as micro-habitats.*

## *We will be studying...*

- The differences between things that are living, dead, and things that have never been alive
- The habitats that different animals live in
- How animals are suited to their environment
- How habitats provide for the basic needs of different animals and plants



## Science - Year 2 Living Things and their Habitats



## Online Resources



BBC Animals



Woodland Trust  
Nature Activities

## *To prepare for this you could talk about...*

*The living creatures that you can see in your local area, where they live and why you think they live there.*

## *You could read...*

- 'The Earth Book' by Jonathan Litton,
- 'Migration' by Mike Unwin
- 'How to help a hedgehog and protect a polar bear' by Jess French

## *You could make...*

*A minibeast hotel and observe how the insects adjust to their new habitat.*

<https://www.rspb.org.uk/get-involved/activities/give-nature-a-home-in-your-garden/garden-activities/build-a-bug-hotel/>

1. Can you match the animal to its home?



Can you describe the ways in which each of these animals is suited to the habitat in which it lives?

2. Make your own loo-roll bird feeder!

## What you'll need

- A cardboard tube (a kitchen roll is perfect)
- Two long sticks or skewers
- Some lard or suet (or vegetable suet)
- Birdseed, spread out on a plate or tray
- A piece of string



## Method

- 1 Start by making four holes in one end of your cardboard tube. these must be large enough for your sticks or skewers, but not so large that the sticks slide out. Be careful of any sharp ends!
- 2 Make sure the holes opposite each other line up so that you can thread your sticks through.
- 3 Next, make two small holes opposite each other in the other end of your tube. Use a butter knife or spatula to cover your roll in lard or suet. vegetarian varieties are good too.
- 4 Roll the tube in bird seed so that the seed sticks to the lard. Finally, carefully thread the sticks through to make a cross shape, and thread a piece of string through the two top holes. Then you're ready to hang your feeder outside!