Year Four Science knowledge organiser- How do environments change over time?



Rainforests are an incredibly important habitat. They cover about 2 per cent of the Earth's surface, but are estimated to be home to over 50 per cent of the Earth's plants and animals. Sadly, they are being destroyed by humans at an alarming rate. We must act now to save rainforests or they could be lost forever.



What can you find out about bees? Why are they so important and what is the impact of a decline in the bee population? Can you create an information booklet about bees?



Greta Thunberg is famous for campaigning against climate change and speaking to politicians and world leaders about saving the environment. What can you find out about Greta Thunberg?

Key vocabulary

The surroundings or conditions in which a per- son, animal or plant lives.
The natural home of an animal or plant
The transfer of energy from one species to another
An animal that hunts and eats other ani- mals
An animal that is hunted and killed by an- other animal
When a species dies out altogether
The effects that humans have on the
environment/habitat around them.
The introduction into the environment of a substance which has harmful effects.

Invertebrates are animals without backbones.

Animals with backbones are vertebrates. Vertebrates can be split into seven main groups:

*Mammals

*Birds

*Fish

*Reptiles

*Amphibians

What characteristics do each class of vertebrate have?

Food chains

What would the impact be if one part of the food chain was removed?





