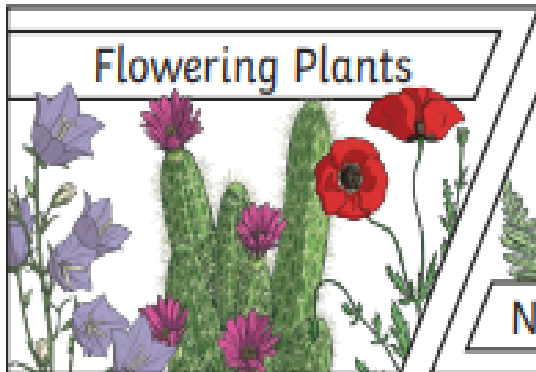


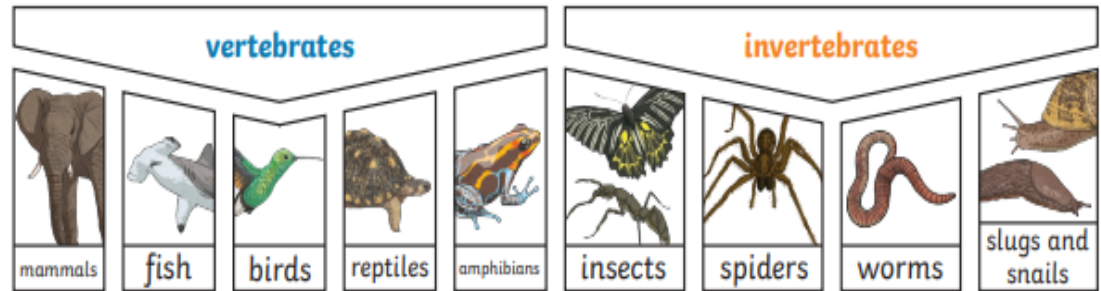
Grouping Living Things

Year 4

<p>Classify</p>	Place things into groups according to their similarities.
<p>Vertebrates</p>	Animals with a backbone.
<p>Invertebrates</p>	Animals without a backbone.
<p>Specimen</p>	A particular plant or animal that scientists study to find out about its species.
<p>Characteristics</p>	Special qualities or appearances that make an individual or group of things different to others.



Animals can be grouped in lots of different ways based upon their **characteristics**.



Vertebrates can be separated into five broad groups.

You could sort **invertebrates** you might see around school in different ways, such as in this example. The vast majority of living things on the planet are **invertebrates**.

You can use **classification** keys to help group, identify and name a variety of living things. Here is an example of a **classification key**:

Invertebrate Classification Key

