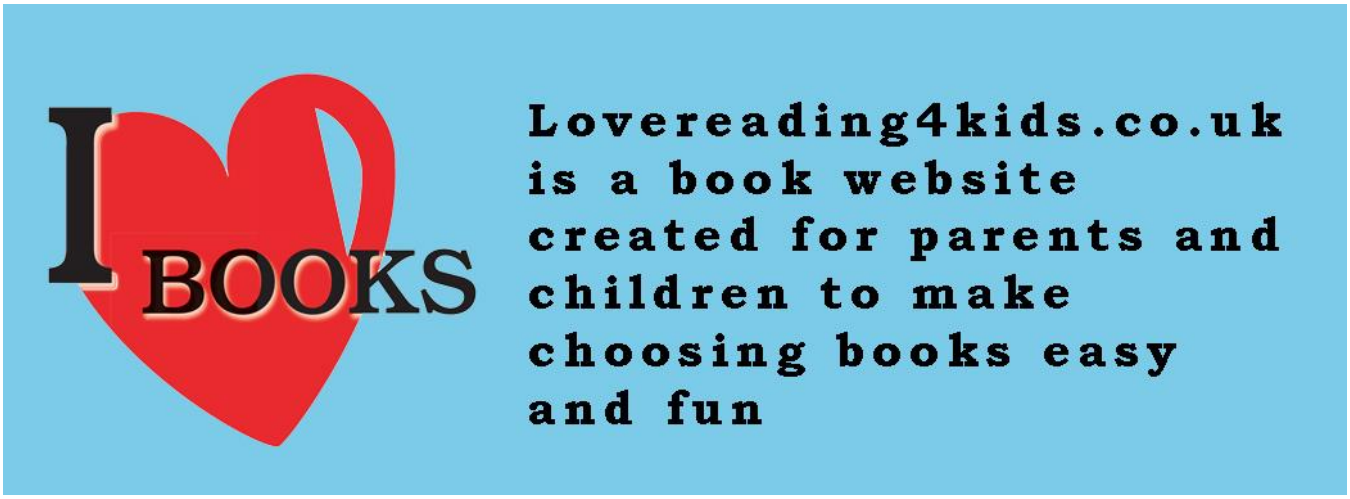


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Kinds of animals

There are millions of animals in the world, from tiny bugs to huge whales, but they all fit into groups.

bird

Birds have feathers, wings and beaks and lay eggs. Find out more on page 16.

cow

calf

Mammals such as cows give birth to their babies and feed them on their milk.

Bugs and insects are animals too. There's more about them on pages 18 and 19.

insect

Lizards, snakes and other reptiles have dry, scaly skin. Most lay eggs.

snake

frog

frogspawn

Fish and many other animals live in water. Find out more on pages 22 and 23.

fish

Amphibians such as frogs have soft, damp skin and lay squishy eggs in water.

The six main animal groups

Amphibians

frog

toad

salamander

Birds

toucan

flamingo

penguin

Insects

grasshopper

fly

ant

Mammals

tiger

whale

sheep

Fish

shark

goldfish

stingray

Reptiles

slow worm

chameleon

gecko

The deep dark sea

The further down you go in the sea, the colder and darker it gets. Different kinds of plants and animals live in each layer or 'zone'.

All sorts of fish, dolphins and whales live in the sunlit zone, along with all the plants.

humpback whale

This is the twilight zone. It only gets a little light, but some kinds of sea animals live here.

swordfish

flashlight fish

hatchet fish

In the sunless zone, it's dark and the water is just above freezing. Only a few kinds of animals live here.

vampire squid

The abyssal zone is icy cold and dark all the time. Some strange fish live down here.

gulper eel

Seabirds dive into the water to catch fish.

tuna

dolphin

jellyfish

basking shark

turtle

This is a coral reef.

sunlit zone

squid

sperm whale

twilight zone

black swallower

cookiecutter shark

sunless zone

tripod fish

anglerfish

abyssal zone

What is nature?

Nature is all the living things on the Earth. Trees, plants, animals, birds, fish and bugs are all part of nature, and so are you.

squirrel

bird

There's lots to see if you go for a walk in the autumn.

fallen leaves

toadstools

web

Look for all the things that live on an old rotting log.

Make a nature table

These are the kinds of things you could collect to put on a nature table.



A snail lived in this shell.



This leaf may have been nibbled by insects.



This feather comes from a bird called a wood pigeon.



Moss is a plant that can grow in damp, shady places.



A dormouse made a hole in this nutshell.



These catkins are the flowers of a birch tree.



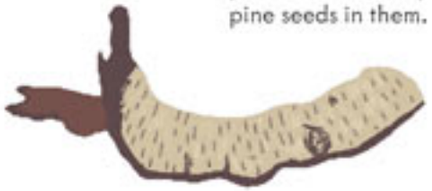
These are the leaf buds of a tree.



Pine cones come from pine trees and may have pine seeds in them.



The crispy stuff growing on this twig is called lichen.



This bark comes from the trunk of a silver birch tree.



A baby bird hatched out of this broken eggshell.

