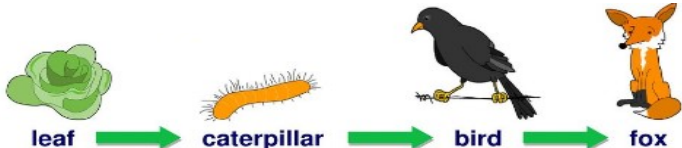




# Year 2 – Living things and their habitats

<u>New Vocabulary</u>	
<b>Habitat</b>	A natural environment or home of a variety of plants and animals.
<b>Microhabitat</b>	A very small habitat, for example for woodlice under stones, logs or leaf litter.
<b>Category</b>	A group of things which share the same characteristics (features / qualities).
<b>Classify</b>	Arrange into groups.
<b>Survive</b>	Continue to live.

<u>How do animals get their food?</u>
<p>Animals need food to survive. Animals eat plants or other animals. Different animals eat different things.</p> <p>We know that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Leaves are eaten by caterpillars.</li> <li>• Caterpillars are eaten by birds.</li> <li>• Birds are eaten by foxes.</li> </ul> <p>We can show this by making a food chain. Have a look at this:</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>leaf → caterpillar → bird → fox</p> </div> <p>When we make a food chain we use arrows. The arrow means 'is eaten by'.</p>

<u>Habitats</u>
<p>A habitat is the natural home of an animal or plant.</p> <p>Habitats are special to the animals that live there as it provides the basic needs for it to survive. Different animals have different habitats.</p> <p>Animals and plants depend on each other and on these habitats to survive.</p> <p><b>For example: A fish lives in an ocean or pond habitat, but it wouldn't survive if it lived in a rainforest habitat!</b></p> <p>Have a look at these animals in their habitat. Can you spot how each habitat is different to the other?</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div> <p>A microhabitat is a smaller habitat. You might find smaller animals living here. Have a look at these microhabitats.</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div>

<u>Living, dead or never been alive?</u>
<p>We can classify objects into 3 categories—living, dead or never been alive.</p> <p>For example, a tree is alive.</p> <p>A wooden bench is dead. Wooden benches are made from wood from a tree which used to be alive. Now that it is the bench, it is dead.</p> <p>A key has never been alive.</p>