Habitats

Learning aims:

- Understand the different types of habitats that are found both around the world, and in the UK
- Discover the needs of different animals and how a habitat can meet these
- Learn how humans are having an impact on habitats and how we can help animals

Activity 1: Animal Needs (KS1&2)

Ask your class to remind you what a habitat is (simple **definition**: where a living things makes its home).

Ask your class what they think an animal **needs** in its habitat in order to survive and breed. They can compare this to things they need in their own environment to be happy & healthy.

Answers: food, water, shelter, opportunities to breed.

Activity 2: Habitat Types (KS1&2)

Discuss some different **habitat types** with your class. Ask them to list the **features** that they think this habitat has (i.e. temperature, rainfall, plant species, food opportunities). Now look at which habitats we have here **in the UK**. Can they name any places in Milton Keynes that would be described as these types of habitat? (i.e. woodland - Howe Park Wood; grassland - Campbell Park, lake - Willen Lake).

Activity 3: Human Impact (KS2)

Split your class into small groups and assign them a habitat each. The group now have to **research** what impact humans are having on this habitat (i.e. how we are harming this habitat), and then what we can do to fix these problems.

Ask your groups to **present** their information in an exciting way of their choice. This could be a poster or verbal presentation, for example.

Activity 4: Helping Habitats (KS1&2)

Discuss **how you can help** animals in your school's environment. You can view our videos and other **resources** for ideas on how to improve your outside spaces to encourage wildlife.

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