Year 7: Living World- Classification.

	Check	Date
Revise assumed knowledge:		
ST3-10LW		
describes how structural features and other adaptations of living things help them		
to survive in their environment		
ST3-11LW		
describes some physical conditions of the environment and how these affect the		
growth and survival of living things LW1 There are differences within and between groups of organisms; classificat	ion holns o	rganico
this diversity. (ACSSU111)	ion neips o	Igailise
CLASSIFYING LIVING THINGS		
4LW1a. identify reasons for classifying living things		
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4LW1b. classify a variety of living things based on similarities and differences in s	tructural fea	tures
Literacy activity (ESL focus): Define and describe.		
Classification, Botanist, Zoologist		
Group work: Animal charades		
In pairs. Describe an animal to your partner without naming it. They are to draw it		
based on the description and name it (Oxford pg52).		
Research task or teacher delivered: Produce a timeline of early classification		
systems (Oxford pg53)		
Group a variety of living things based on similarities and differences		
in structural features		
• Students given a range of organisms by name and asked to group them based	_	
on similarities and differences in structural features		
• Use structural features of students to develop a key of the class (ensure		
ONLY appropriate features are chosen)		
Why do we classify things? Mind Map		
Human need for order		
Communication across the world		
 Common language (Binomial naming- address later) 		
Show relationships between organisms		
Briefly outline the work of Anton van Leeuwenhoek, Robert Hooke and Robert		
Brown to the classification of living things		
CODE: 7LW20 First-Hand Investigation: Hay infusion		
Collect grass and leaf cutting and leave soaking in beaker of water for at least a		
week. Take a sample of water and observe for microorganisms under microscope.		
Have all living organisms been discovered. Explain.		
Describe the common characteristics of all living things (MRS GREN)		
Group work: Is fire living? (Oxford pg58)		
Groups are given 5 minutes to discuss whether fire is living against MRS GREN.		
Discuss as a class		

Distinguish between non-living and dead.		
Review: Classification of living things (Oxford pg59)		
4LW1f. explain how the features of some Australian plants and animals are adaptation	ons for surv	ival and
reproduction in their environment ኛ 🐲		
Define adaptation		
Research task and class discussion: Australian examples		
Students to research 3 Australian plants and animals and provide a 1-2 minute		
information session to the class on the adaptations of each organism.		
Extension: Research task or teacher delivered.		
Describe how living fossils such as the Wollemi pine and lung fish continue to		
survive despite the changing environment around them (isolated niche)		
Briefly describe how adaptations arise as a result of variation within a species.		
Review: Adaptations for survival and reproduction (Oxford pg63)		
Assessment: Oxford online test- Classifying living things		
Students to achieve 100% in Support and Consolidate OR Consolidate and Extend		
USING KEYS AS TOOLS FOR CLASSIFICATION		
4LW1b. classify a variety of living things based on similarities and differences in st	tructural fea	tures
4LWadd4 classify, using a hierarchical system, a range of selected plants and animal	s to species	level 🕏
Literacy activity (ESL focus): Define and describe.		
Dichotomous key		
Describe the Linnaean classification system		
Explain why the scientific names used in binomial classification are derived from		
Latin		
Research task:		
A4 page identifying the classification of your favourite plant/animal and explain	_	
what features puts it is in those groups eg		
http://www.factmonster.com/ipka/A0776195.html		
Review: The Linnaean classification system (Oxford pg68)		
Choose a number of species and classify according to		
• Kingdom, Phylum, Class, Order, Family, Genus, Species		
4LW1c. use simple keys to identify a range of plants and animals	Þ	
4LWadd3 design and construct simple keys to identify a range of living the set of the	hings 🏕	
Describe how a circular key can be used to classify organisms		
Describe how a dichotomous key can be used to classify organisms		
Use simple dichotomous key to identify organisms or individuals (Oxford pg70)		
Students construct simple dichotomous key using a range of living things (Oxford pg71)		
Review: Using keys for identification (Oxford pg72)		

Assessment: Oxford online test- Using keys as tools for classification	_		
Students to achieve 100% in Support and Consolidate OR Consolidate and Extend			
CLASSIFICATION TODAY			
4LW1b. classify a variety of living things based on similarities and differences in structural features			
4LW1e. outline the structural features used to group living things, including plants, bacteria	animals, fui	ngi and	
Literacy activity (ESL focus): Define and describe.			
Animalia, Plantae, Fungi, Monera (bacteria), Protista, microorganism, cell wall,			
unicellular, multicellular, chloroplasts, autotroph, heterotroph			
Classification of Animals, Plants, Fungi, Monera and Protista based on physical			
morphology			
Animal and Plant: Cell wall v's no cell wall			
All and Monera: Unicellular v's multicellular			
 Plants and Fungi: chloroplasts v's no chloroplasts (photosynthesis, autotroph v's heterotroph) 			
Literacy:			
COSMOS: students research for another related article. Students then write a series			
of questions that MUST include 5 multiple choice, 2 identify, 2 describe, 1 explain			
and either 1 assess or evaluate.			
4LW1d. identify some examples of groups of microorganisms			
Research task: Microorganism			
Provide a 1-2 minute information session to the class on groups of beneficial and			
harmful microorganisms			
Bacteria; salmonella, golden staph, gut flora and fauna			
Viruses; Influenza, HIV, swine flu			
Fungi; yeast			
Research task: History of microscopes. Where would we be today without them			
4LW1b. classify a variety of living things based on similarities and differences in s	tructural fea	tures	
4LW1e. outline the structural features used to group living things, including plants, animals, fungi and bacteria			
4LW1f. explain how the features of some Australian plants and animals are adaptation reproduction in their environment 🌮 🐲	ons for surv	ival and	
Literacy activity (ESL focus): Define and describe.			
Vertebrate, Invertebrate, endoskeleton, exoskeleton, chordata			
Classify animals as vertebrates and invertebrates giving examples of each			
Extension: Giant squid dissection video			
CODE: 7LW21 First-Hand Investigation-Teacher Demonstration: examining			
skeletons (Oxford pg79). Fish, prawn and whole squid.			
Review: Classifying animals (Oxford pg80)			
Distinguish between monotremes, marsupials and placental mammals			

Provide Australian examples of each group of mammals and explain how the		
features of each are adaptations for survival and reproduction in their environment		
Literacy: Enigma of the Echidna (Oxford pg82)		
Provide distinguishing characteristics/features and examples of the following		
classes:		
• Aves (birds)	_	
Reptilia (reptiles)		
Amphibia (amphibians)		
• Pisces (fish)		
Research task or teacher delivered: Classifying invertebrates. Provide the		
distinguishing features of:		
Arthropods		
Molluscs		
Poriferans		
Nematodes		
• Annelids		
Platyhelminthes		
Cnidarians		
• Echinoderms		
Give examples from each group		
Identifying the distinguishing feature of all plants is their ability to photosynthesise		
Literacy activity (ESL focus): Define and describe.		
Vascular, xylem, phloem, non-vascular		
Research task or teacher delivered: Classifying plants. Provide the distinguishing		
features of:		
• Mosses		
• Herbs		
• Ferns		
• Shrubs		
• Trees		
• Vines		
Give examples from each group		
CODE: 7LW22 First-Hand Investigation: Observe and draw prepared slides of		
xylem and phloem		_
4LWadd5 identify, using an example of an organism or group of organisms, where t		
changed as a result of new evidence from technological developments, scientific d	iscoveries a	nd/or
advances in scientific understanding		
Explain where the classification has changed as a result of new evidence from		
technological developments, scientific discoveries and/or advances in scientific		
understanding		
• 2 to 3 to 4 to 5 kingdoms		
3 kingdoms to 3 domains		
Reclassification of humans separate from other apes		

Describe the change in the highest level of classification from kingdom to the	
domains	
Archaea	
Bacteria	
Eukaryotes	
and identify the role of technology in the change	
Assessment: Oxford online test- Classification today	
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Comments and Suggested improvements	
Name: Signature: Date:	