

Knowledge Organiser

Studying Living Things



ROCKET WORDS

Learn these words and their definitions.

Key Word	Definition
Sir David Attenborough	A natural scientist who has made many award-winning nature documentaries
Jane Goodall	A scientist who committed her life to studying the lives of chimpanzees and other primates.
naturalist	An expert in natural sciences and history.
metamorphosis	When insects and animals develop into adult forms through a cycle of changes.
endangered	A species of animal with very few alive.
documentary	A film or programme that researches, studies and provides a factual report on a subject.
asexual	Something that reproduces on its own.
reproduction	To make offspring.

Animals and birth



Most **mammals**, including humans, go through 'live birth.' This means that the mother gives birth to it as a live mammal, it is just a smaller version of an adult. These mammals will grow into adults over time.

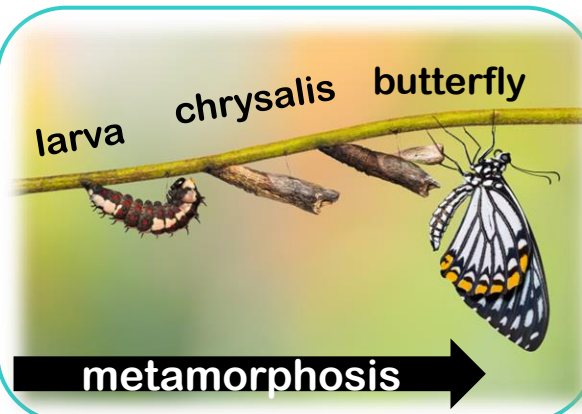
Most **birds and reptiles** are born when the mother lays eggs and incubates them until they are ready to hatch. Once the egg is hatched, the baby is looked after by the mother for a period of time and then leaves the nest to fend for itself.



Amphibians are a bit different. Many of these are born live or via eggs underwater, but complete a metamorphosis as adults and can live and breathe on land. An example of this is a frog. It starts as frogspawn, changes to a tadpole and then into a frog!

All living things can move, respire, have senses, grow, reproduce, excrete and take in nutrition.

Living things that reproduce asexually include bacteria, mould, algae and fungi. This means they reproduce by themselves!



Sir David Attenborough and Dame Jane Goodall

Both Sir David Attenborough and Dame Jane Goodall are leading **naturalists** and study living things. They both present the life of animals on earth and have made important **documentaries** so we can learn about the world around us.

Because of their impact on the world, they have both been awarded honours by the Queen!

