



Connected Curriculum Topic: Amazing Animals!	Year 3	Autumn Term
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Key Vocabulary	
Spelling	Definition
adaptation	Adaptation is the act of changing something or changing your behaviour to make it suitable for a new purpose or situation.
animal	Any living creature, including a human being, can be referred to as an animal.
climate	The climate of a place is the general weather conditions that are typical of it.
continent	A continent is a very large area of land that consists of several countries.
endangered	An endangered species is an animal species that is in danger of becoming extinct.
environment	Your environment consists of the particular natural surroundings in which you live or exist, considered in relation to their physical characteristics or weather conditions.
equator	The equator is an imaginary line around the middle of the Earth at an equal distance from the North Pole and the South Pole.
extinct	A species of animal or plant that is extinct no longer has any living members, either in the world or in a particular place.
habitat	The habitat of an animal or plant is the natural environment in which it normally lives or grows
ocean	An ocean is one of the five very large areas of sea on the Earth's surface.
strong	Strong objects or materials are not easily broken and can support a lot of weight or resist a lot of strain. pass through it.
waterproof	Something which is waterproof does not let water pass through it.

Key Knowledge	
Continents of the world	The seven continents of the world are Europe, Asia, Africa, North America, South America, Australasia and Antarctica.
Oceans of the world	The five oceans of the world are the Atlantic, Pacific, Indian, Arctic and Southern.
Who was John Constable?	John Constable was a famous British artist. He is famous for his landscape paintings which are mostly of the Suffolk countryside where he was born and lived.



Animal Classes	
Mammals	People are mammals. So are dogs, cats, horses, duck-bill platypuses, kangaroos, dolphins and whales. What do all these animals have in common, you ask? The answer is – MILK! If an animal drinks milk when it is a baby and has hair on its body, it belongs to the mammal class.
Birds	Birds are animals that have feathers and that are born out of hard-shelled eggs. Some people think that what makes an animal a bird is its wings. Bats have wings. Flies have wings. Bats and flies are not birds. So what makes an animal a bird? The answer is feathers!
Fish	Fish are vertebrates that live in water and have gills, scales and fins on their body.
Reptiles	Reptiles are a class of animal with scaly skin. They are cold blooded and are born on land.
Amphibians	Amphibians are born in the water. When they are born, they breath with gills like a fish. But when they grow up, they develop lungs and can live on land.
Arthropods	Arthropods is a huge phylum of animals -- it includes eleven animal classes: Merostomata, Pycnogonida, Arachnida, Remipedia, Cephalocarida, Branchiopoda, Maxillopoda, Malacostraca, Chilopoda, Diplopoda, and Insecta. Any animals that have more than four, jointed legs are arthropods. Insects, spiders and crustaceans all belong to this class of animals.

