

Topic

There are lots of different animals all over the world.

Each animal has been **classified** by scientists so it belongs to a **group**.

The animals are sorted into different groups based on their features.

All animals within the same group have similar things in common.

For example, animals such as **elephants**, **cats** and **blue whales** are all in the same group called **mammals** because they have hair and live babies.

The six main groups of animals are:

- Amphibians
- Birds
- Fish
- Invertebrates (minibeasts)
- Mammals
- Reptiles

I'd like you to see what you can find out about the different animal groups:

You could look in any books you have at home.

You could use one of the encyclopaedias that are on School 360.

You could watch these videos on [BBC Bitesize - Animal Groups](#).

You could ask your grown ups because grown ups know EVERYTHING!

When you've become an expert, you might:

Write a little bit about each group, saying what their features are.

Draw or cut out some animals, then sort them into the correct animal groups. Can you think of an animal for every group?

Art Competition

Exciting news! Mrs Smith (Willow Class) has very kindly organised an art competition (with prizes) for the whole school, which will run over this week and the May half-term holiday. The competition aims to celebrate and say thank you to our fantastic key workers who are working hard to help us at this time. Key workers include NHS staff, supermarket staff, delivery drivers, postal workers, care workers, cleaners, telecoms workers, teachers, the police, fire and rescue staff, the armed forces, train drivers, bus drivers and more! If you've not seen it already, here's a lovely poem that says thank you to them: [BBC Newsround - Dear Key Workers](#)

There are four categories to choose from in our competition:

Category 1 - Over the rainbow.

Category 2 - Say it with flowers!

Category 3 - Paint a key worker.

Category 4 - Create your own key worker 'Banksy'

You can find out more about the competition and the different categories by downloading the letter from Mrs Smith that's on our blog.

Entries need to be sent to Mrs Smith (michelle.smith@swansfield.northumberland.sch.uk) by Wednesday 3rd June. You can send them to me as well, if you like, because I'd love to see them! Winners will be announced on Monday 15th June. Good luck getting creative!