

River & Rowing Museum

Key Stage 1: The Variety of Life



Workshop Summary

Pupils will investigate variation, classification and the adaptation of Living Things in, on and above the river with fun activities using museum specimens, the 'Life' display in the River Gallery and the Museum's Wildlife Walkway.

Workshop Contents

Education Centre (Museum Tutor led)

- An introduction on the characteristics of Living Things and how they are grouped according to similarities and differences
- A carousel of activities where children group animal specimens, and investigate how some animals have particular adaptations to help them live and survive in their particular environment. Children will also sequence the life cycles of several animals

Walk (Museum Tutor led)

- Pupils will use the micro habitats found along the Wildlife Walkway to help them design and make camouflage for model frogs/ butterflies

Galleries (Teacher led)

- Activity Cards are provided to aid exploration when visiting the River Gallery, and 'Life' section in particular

Learning Outcomes

- To understand and assign the characteristics of Living Things to plants and animals
- To understand and group animals (vertebrates/ invertebrates) and plants
- To understand and sequence stages of growth for a selection of common animals
- To understand and identify animal adaptations

National Curriculum Areas Covered

- Ourselves 1A
- Animals and Plants In The Local Environment 2B
- Variation 2C