

CLASSIFICATION – Knowledge Organiser Year 6 Spring 1

Vocabulary		Classification of Living Things			
classification	Sorting things into sets or classes which have features in common.				
subdivide	To classify into smaller and smaller groups.				
organism	An individual living thing.				
cell	The smallest part of a living thing which can function independently.				
taxonomy	The process of naming and classifying living things into groups according to their similarities and differences.				
Kingdom	The largest groups into which living things can be classified.				
Fungus	A living thing which is not a plant or animal and gets its nutrients from other organisms.				
micro-organism /microbe	A very small living thing which can only be seen using a microscope. Examples include: bacteria, viruses and many fungi.				
arthropod	An invertebrate with a jointed exoskeleton. Can be subdivided into: insects, spiders (arachnids), crustaceans, centipedes and millipedes.			An Example of a Classification Key	The 7 life processes of living thing
insect	Arthropod with 6 legs, 3 parts to the body (head, thorax and abdomen), antennae and often has wings. E.g. bee, butterfly, beetle, ant.				<p>To classify something as living it must display seven life processes. This can be remembered using the following acronym:</p> <p>MRS NERG</p> <p>Movement – ability to move Reproduction – make a copy of itself Sensitivity – sense their surroundings Nutrition – get or make food Excretion – get rid of waste materials Respiration – get energy from food Growth – grow and develop</p>
spider (arachnid)	Arthropod with 8 legs and 2 parts to the body (head and abdomen). E.g. tarantula, scorpion, tick, mite.				
crustacean	Arthropod with 10 or more legs and gills to breathe in water. E.g. crab, prawn, lobster, woodlouse.				
centipede	Arthropod with a segmented body and one pair of legs per segment. All are carnivores.				
millipede	Arthropod with a segmented body and two pairs of legs per segment. All are herbivores.				
worm	Soft-bodied invertebrate with a long, slender, limbless body. Moves by crawling or burrowing.				
mollusc	Soft-bodied invertebrate which mostly live in water. Sometimes have a shell. Include snails, slugs, octopuses, squid and clams.				