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Nursery & Reception	British Wildlife	30 – 45 minutes	Additional slideshow about local wild animals: owls, woodpeckers, ducks, foxes, rabbits, badgers, deer, grass snakes and frogs. <i>(8 mins)</i> The slideshow looks at animal behaviour; growing, feeding, nest building, caring for young. Optional slideshows are available on Keeping Warm, Camouflage or Nocturnal Animals . Activity sheets supplied for sketching , talking and writing in the classroom afterwards
Years 1 - 2	Learning about Local Wildlife	30 – 45 minutes	Additional slideshow about foxes, rabbits, deer, mice, owls, woodpeckers , ducks, snakes, butterflies and beetles, looking at what they eat, where they live, how they move, how their bodies are adapted to being predators or prey. <i>(12 mins)</i> Activity sheet with drawing and questions.
Years 3 - 4	Investigating Local Wildlife	30 – 45 minutes	Additional slideshow about owls, woodpeckers, ducks, rabbits, badgers, mice, frogs, snakes, butterflies, bees and beetles, exploring in more detail at how different they all are. <i>(15 mins)</i> Activity Sheet
Years 3 - 6	Animal Bones and Teeth	45 – 60 minutes	Additional slideshow investigating the skeletons of foxes, rabbits, voles, shrews, deer, squirrels, owls, woodpeckers, ducks, snakes and frogs. Learn how the animals' bodies have evolved to suit the way they move, eat and live. Look at how the teeth differ. Predators and Prey. <i>(15 mins)</i> Activity sheet naming the bones and exploring the differences between the skeletons



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Years 4 -6	Local Habitats	45 – 60 minutes	Additional slideshow about local habitats: woodland, ponds, grassland and gardens. What do the habitats provide and which animals live there? Foxes, rabbits, mice, badgers, ducks, parakeets, owls, frogs, snakes, robins, blue tits. Habitats and Micro Habitats. What is there to eat , where can animals shelter, where do animals escape from danger? <i>(20 mins)</i> Activity Sheet
Years 4- 6	Food Webs and Interdependence	45 – 60 minutes	Additional slideshow about what the different animals eat . Are they herbivores, carnivores, omnivores? How do their teeth differ? Does their diet vary in the seasons? <i>(20 mins)</i> Activity Sheet to focus on diets and food webs in the local area.
Years 4- 6	Animal Adaptation and Variation	45 - 60 minutes	Additional slideshow exploring how animal skeletons, beaks, feet, wings, feathers, fur and senses have evolved in different animals to suit their individual way of life. <i>(20 mins)</i> Looking at deer, foxes, rabbits, voles, owls, herons, ducks, snakes and frogs. Activity Sheet
Years 5- 6	Owls and Owl Pellets	75 minutes	Additional slideshow about British Owls and Owl Pellets. Which owls live in the local area? What do they eat? What are pellets ?(regurgitated food) What do scientists learn from pellets? <i>(15 mins)</i> <i>Dissect Barn Owl pellets in small groups, to discover the tiny bones of voles and shrews inside. Identify the bones with an ID chart (ribs, skulls, femur, pelvis etc, vole or shrew) Rebuild a vole skeleton onto a photo. (30 mins)</i>