

Animal Key Class Dash



Objective

Use classification keys to help group, identify and name a variety of living things.



Equipment

- A4 clip board
- Animal/minibeast Classification Activity Sheets
- Enough animal cards for each group so that they can collect a full set to complete their Classification Key Activity Sheets.
- Hoops



Preparation

- Set out a large square in the playground or sports hall with room for children to move around safely at different speeds.
- Split the children into appropriate groups, taking into consideration ability and space available. Seat each group down in a line with a hoop at the front, ensuring that there is a large open space in front of them.
- Explain how to use the classification key sheets to the group.



Instructions

- The first child from each team runs out to the hoop directly in front of their group, collects one animal and brings it back to their group. Each child in the team takes a turn to do this until all the animals have been retrieved.
- The team will then work together to complete each classification key by adding each animal / mini beast in the correct place.
- The team that completes the activity first, with all animals / mini beasts placed correctly on each grouping sheet, will be the winners.



Other information

- Children should have an overview of classifying living things before taking part in the activity.

