Key vocabulary	
vertebrate	Animals that have a backbone.
	They can be divided into 5 groups:
	fish, amphibians, reptiles, birds and
	mammals.
fish	- cold-blooded
	- scales covering its body
	- has fins
	- lives in water, lays eggs in water
	- breathes through gills
amphibian	- cold-blooded
	- start as eggs in water and breathe
	through gills
	- later develop lungs and live on
	land and in water
	- lays eggs in water
	- damp skin/body
reptile	- cold-blooded
	- breathes with lungs
	- dry, scaly skin
	- lay soft-shelled eggs on land
bird	- warm-blooded
	- breathes with lungs
	- lays eggs with hard shells
	- covered with feathers
	- have wings but not all can fly
mammal	- warm-blooded
	- have fur or hairy skin
	- give birth to live young
	- feed their young milk
invertebrate	Animals that do not have a
	backbone. Can be divided into
	several groups including insects,
	spiders, snails and worms.
plants	Can make their own food. They can
	be divided broadly into two main
	groups: flowering plants and non-
	flowering plants.

Living things and their habitats – Year 6

Carl Linnaeus (1707-1778) Carl Linnaeus was a Swedish scientist who developed the modern system of classifying and naming organisms. Before this the names of living things were often very long. He gave them a two-part name. Chris Nelson Chris Nelson is a horticulturist and a director of Growing Underground which uses

hydroponic techniques to

grow pesticide-free crops in a

former London underground

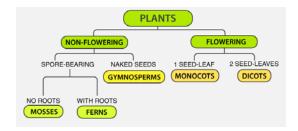
Classification

air-raid shelter.

Living things can be classified into broad groups according to observable characteristics that are similar or different.

Micro-organisms

These are tiny living creatures. Most can only be seen through a microscope. They can be sub-divided into smaller groups including **bacteria**, **fungi** and **viruses**.



Flowering plants – numerous and diverse group. Reproduce through flowers and seeds. E.g. sunflower

Non-flowering plants – smaller group. They have a simple structure and do not have flowers or seeds. They reproduce through spores. E.g. algae, mosses

