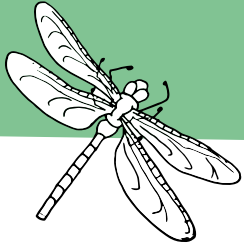


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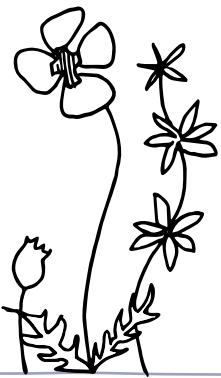
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DID YOU KNOW?



According to one respected source (royalsociety.org), biodiversity refers to all the living things on our planet – from the smallest bacteria to the largest plants and animals. Biodiversity's essential for the processes that support life on Earth. Without a wide range of species, we can't have healthy ecosystems.



The UK has over  **70,000** known species of animals, plants, fungi and micro-organisms. 



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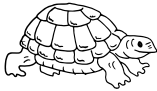
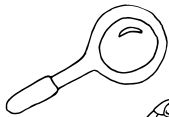
CHOICE 1



Draw a map of your school grounds or garden, then spend time looking for different plants, insects and animals. Mark the location on the map of each species you find.

To try and increase the area's biodiversity, build and install bug hotels, or feeders for birds and butterflies. You could also scatter wildflower seeds, or use newspaper plant pots.

CHOICE 2



Monitor the wildlife that visits your school grounds overnight, either with an animal trap camera or a footprint tunnel (using animal-friendly ink).

Use food to encourage the visits and keep a record of the comings and goings!

TOP TIPS



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HERE'S THE EVIDENCE!

- ➔ Upload some photos or a video of the activity and add a link.
- ➔ Or share some other evidence of what you did.



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