## Year 3: Science The Environment Knowledge Mat

Subjec	t Specific Vocabulary	Rainforest	Important knowledge
diversity	The word used to describe differences in the natural world.	canopy forest floor	<ul> <li>□ I know the names of mini-beasts that I would expect to find in my local area: woodlouse, stag beetle, common wasp, bumble bee, honey bee, red admiral butterfly</li> <li>□ I know the names of birds that I would expect to find in my local area: wood-pigeon; magpie; black headed gull; blackbird; thrush; jay; sparrow; pied-wagtail.</li> <li>□ I know the names of mammals that I would expect to find in my local area: hedgehog; grey squirrel; hare; badger; mole.</li> <li>□ I know that diversity should be encouraged in all environments.</li> <li>□ I know that if one animal in a food chain becomes extinct then there is a negative effect on the other animals within that food chain.</li> <li>□ I know that rising sea levels have a negative impact on the planet and will result in land loss and extinction.</li> </ul>
mini-beasts	The name given to small creatures.		
ancient woodland	Woodland that has existed in the UK since 1600.		
endangered species	A species of animal or plant that is at risk of extinction.		
		Food Chain	
extinction	The dying out or disappearance of a species from earth.		<ul> <li>□ I can talk about how I have grouped the animals that I found in the local area.</li> <li>□ I can use a simple key to show if the animals I found travel on air or on land; have 2 legs or 6 legs or live in rocks or on a tree.</li> <li>□ I can use an iPad or secondary source to find the names of at-risk animals.</li> <li>□ I can use simple keys to sort animals found in the Serengeti using questions that have a 'yes' or 'no' answer.</li> <li>□ I can make some accurate whole number measurements using standard measures (mm, cm).</li> <li>□ I can correctly use the equipment that I have been given to set up a test</li> <li>□ I can describe the changes that I see happening in my investigation.</li> </ul>
rainforest	The word for a forest of broad-leaved evergreen trees that receives a high volume of rain each year.		
at risk	A species that is 'at risk' has reduced numbers in the wild.		
food chain	The order that living things depend on each other for food.		
sea level	The usual height of the ocean.		
Arctic/ Antarctic	The coldest regions of the planet, located at the North Pole and the South Pole.		