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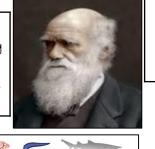
Science Inquiry Question: What happens to species over a long

time?

Charles Darwin:

Charles Darwin developed the theory of Evolution after his voyage around the world. He published 'On the origin of species' in 1859.

Billion years ago



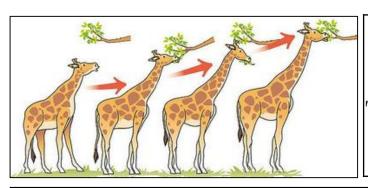
Parents and Offspring

Living things produce offspring of the same kind. Characteristics are passed from parents to their offspring.







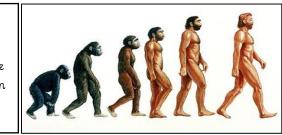


Evolution of Giraffes

The theory on giraffe evolution is that the giraffes with the longest necks passed on their genes through natural selection, and that it took millions of years to get the animal we see now. The two forces that drove giraffes towards elongating their necks are simple - the need to eat and the need to breed

Evolution of humans

Human evolution is the lengthy process of change by which people originated from apelike ancestors. Scientific evidence shows that the physical and behavioural traits shared by all people originated from apelike ancestors and evolved over a period of approximately six million years. Humans are primates.



the fittest'

Evolution and Inheritance



1		Key Vocabulary and Phrases	
	Adaptation	The process of change so that an organism or species can become better suited to their environment	
	Breeding	The mating and production of offspring by animals	
	Environment	The surroundings or conditions in which a person, animal, or plant lives	
	Fossil	The remains or impression of a prehistoric plant or animal embedded in rock and preserved	
	Inherit	To gain a quality, characteristic or predisposition genetically from a parent or ancestor	
	Offspring	A person's child or children/ an animal's young	
	Parent	A biological parent is one that passes their physical characteristics to their offspring	
	Reproduction	The production of offspring by a sexual or asexual process	
	Evolution	The process by which living things can gradually change over time.	
	Endangered	A species seriously at risk of extinction.	
	Extinct	If an organism is not suited to its environment, then it will die out and no longer exist.,	
	Natural Selection	Natural selection means that some individuals in a species are better at surviving than others and will have more children.	
	'Survival of	When only animals that are suited to their	

environment will continue to live and reproduce.

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Working Scientifically – Evolution and Inheritance



	Key Vocabulary and Phrases
Ask questions	Use the question words What, where, when why, how
Compare and contrast	Look at two or more organism and describe similarities and differences and how they are adapted to their environment.
Classify, sort and group	Organise objects by their characteristics and adaptations (e.g. colour, size, shape).
Diagram	A labelled picture of species and their adaptations.
Record data	Drawings, scientific diagrams, photos, branching key, tables and line graphs to show population decrease.
Reporting and presenting findings	Giving reasons, explaining causes and relationships, explaining results and trusting its accuracy

How I could record my findings

continuous (numerical) data

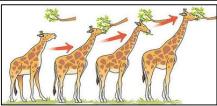
for both axes e.g. mass on an

elastic band & how long it is

or are measuring over time

What I could investigate or research

How have different living organisms adapted to their environment over time and what are advantages and disadvantages of these adaptations?



Explain and investigate why the Galapagos finches have different types of beaks and how this enabled them to survive?

Equipment I could use

A range of photographs and videos to examine and analyse



Pick an endangered animal Why are they on this list? Why are they not able to adapt to their environment?



What do offspring inherit from their parents?

Pictures For EXPLORING What I For FAIR TESTING What I Chang Use this if you want to tell the

story of what you did or what

you observed, e.g. bread

going mouldy

