

KNOWLEDGE ORGANISER: Science- Food Chains Year 4 - Block 2

Key Vocabulary	
Food Chain	An order of living things, to show how energy is transferred when one living thing eats another
Producer	a living thing that makes its own food from the Sun
Predator	an animal that eats prey
Prey	animals that are eaten by predators
Consumer	a living thing that eats other living things
Hunting	chasing and killing animals
Overfishin g	removing fish from a habitat
Farming	the process of using land to grow crops and raise animals



Key Questions

- 1. What is a food chain, and how does energy flow through it?
- 2. What are the roles of producers, consumers, predators, and prey in a food chain?
- 3. Why are food chains important, and what would happen if key parts (like producers or prey) were removed?
- 4. How do food chains vary in length, and what factors determine their structure?
- 5. How does human activity affect food chains and habitats, and what can be done to protect them?

<u>Key Outcomes</u>

1. I can explain how energy is transferred in a food chain- by showing how one living thing eats another, starting with a producer and moving through consumers, predators, and prey.

2. I can describe the different roles in a food chain- including producers, consumers, and predators, and explain how food chains can vary in length depending on the habitat.

3. I can recognise how human activities impact food chains and ecosystems- including how farming, habitat destruction, hunting, and overfishing can disrupt the balance of a habitat and threaten living things.

Food chain

A food chain shows the transfer of energy within an ecosystem.

Energy is transferred between organisms when one organism eats another. A food chain is a simple, linear series of steps while a **food web** is more complex.