Science: Group and Classify Living Things

Key Vocabulary

Vertebrate or Invertebrate?

Animals can be grouped into one of two main groups: **vertebrates** and **invertebrates**.

Vertebrate animals have a spine (also known as a backbone). The spine helps to hold the body upright, protects the spinal column and allows the body to move. **Invertebrates** do not have a spine.

Vertebrates can be sorted into five main groups with their own **characteristics**.

Mammals	Birds	Reptiles
warm-blooded give birth to live young produce milk have hair or fur	warm-blooded lay eggs have feathers have wings and a beak	cold-blooded lay eggs have scales

Amphibians		Fish	
cold-blooded lay spawn often undergo metamorphosis		cold-blooded have scales lay spawn live in water	

