ILLECOTE PRIMARY SCHOOL	Science			
Inspire Nurture Challenge	Topic: Evolution and inheritance Year 6			
What I should I already know	The process of evolution	Vocabulary		
 All living things need food, water, air and a habitat to survive. Living things reproduce and produce 		evolution	Gradual change in an organism's characteristics over many generations	
offspring.Living things live in habitats and micro	1.More organisms are born than can survive.	inheritance	Passing on characteristics to offspring	
habitats that meet their basic needs.	2. These individuals all have slight variations between	organism	An animal or plant.	
 Offspring inherit characteristics from their parents. 	them. 3. Some of these variations are helpful and improve an	characteristics	A feature or quality belonging to a person or	
Key facts Charles Darwin 1809 - 1882	organism's chance of survival 4.Those that survive pass their characteristics onto their offspring.	offspring	animal The young of an animal or the seedling of a plant	
He said that all species of life have descended over time	 5. Over time these helpful variations are passed on to the next generation. 6. This process takes thousands of years and can't be 	generation	The time between when an organism comes into being and when it reproduces	
from common	seen from one generation to the next.	breed	Produce offspring	
 ancestors. Charles Darwin published a book on his theory of Natural Selection in 1859. 	An example of natural selection: Peppered moths 1. Light-coloured moths were common	variation	A change or slight difference	
Mary Anning 1799-1847	2. During the Industrial Revolution (1760 – 1840) coal burning	genes	Part of a cell of a living thing which controls its physical characteristics	
 Mary Anning is remembered as one of the greatest fossil hunters to have ever lived. She spent months 	covered the moth's habitats in black soot 3. This gave the dark coloured moths a greater chance of survival because they had better camouflage than the light moths	Natural Selection	The process where organisms that are better adapted to their environment survive and produce more offspring	
uncovering the body of her first fossil, a marine reptile	4. Many light-coloured moths died as they were easily spotted by their prey	adaptation	Changing to become better suited to their environment	
that swam in the time of the dinosaurs.	5. Dark coloured moths became more common 6. As pollution has reduced over time the light- coloured moths have now become more common again.	cell	The basic building block of living things. Every animal or plant is made of millions of these.	