Thistledown Lane

Animals and Their Babies

KS1 Science · Year 2

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- Baby animals fact sheet with pictures
- Match the grown-up to its baby
- Life cycles: frog and butterfly
- Questions about growing up
- Answers

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A gentle claymation series about kindness, friendship and the seasons on an English country lane.
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For grown-ups

National curriculum

- Year 2 Animals, including humans: notice that animals, including humans, have offspring which grow into adults
- Year 2 Animals, including humans: find out about and describe the basic needs of animals for survival
- Working scientifically: identifying and classifying; asking simple questions

Watch and talk

- **Pip and the Frogspawn:** frogspawn, tadpoles and tiny frogs
- **Hazel and the Acorn:** Hazel is a fawn, a baby deer
- **A Den for Sorrel:** Sorrel is a fox cub
- **Wake Up, Bramble!** Bramble and Mam, a hedgehog and her little one

Lesson ideas

- Watch Pip and the Frogspawn, then put the frog life cycle in order together.
- Look at baby photos: do humans look like small grown-ups? Do tadpoles?
- Talk about what every baby animal needs: food, water, air and somewhere safe.

Good to know

Thistledown Lane is a claymation story, so the friends talk, but the nature is true: frogspawn hatches into tadpoles, which grow legs and become frogs.

Baby animals



Sheep and lamb

- A baby sheep is called a lamb.



Cow and calf

- A baby cow is called a calf.



Duck and duckling

- A baby duck is called a duckling. It hatches from an egg.



Hen and chick

- A baby hen is called a chick. It hatches from an egg.



Frog and tadpole

- A baby frog is a tadpole. It lives in water.



Butterfly and caterpillar

- A butterfly starts life as a caterpillar.



Deer and fawn

- A baby deer is called a fawn, just like Hazel.



Fox and cub

- A baby fox is called a cub, just like Sorrel.

Who's the baby?

Name: _____

1 Draw a line from each grown-up to its baby.



sheep



calf



hen



caterpillar



frog



lamb



cow



chick



butterfly



tadpoles

Life cycles

Name: _____

1 Put the frog's life cycle in order. Write 1, 2, 3 and 4 in the boxes.

- ☐ tadpole
- ☐ frog
- ☐ frogspawn (eggs)
- ☐ froglet (a tiny frog with a tail)

2 Put the butterfly's life cycle in order. Write 1, 2, 3 and 4 in the boxes.

- ☐ butterfly
- ☐ egg
- ☐ chrysalis
- ☐ caterpillar

3 Does a tadpole look like a grown-up frog?

☐ yes ☐ no

4 Name one baby animal that looks like a small version of its parent.

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5 What do all baby animals need to grow? Name two things.

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Draw it

Name: _____

1. Draw a grown-up animal and its baby. Write their names.

2. When you were a baby, what could you not do that you can do now?

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Answers

Who's the baby?

1. sheep: lamb; hen: chick; frog: tadpoles; cow: calf; butterfly: caterpillar

Life cycles

1. 1 frogspawn (eggs); 2 tadpole; 3 froglet; 4 frog
2. 1 egg; 2 caterpillar; 3 chrysalis; 4 butterfly
3. no
4. Any one, for example: lamb, calf, chick, duckling, fawn, cub (accept a human baby)
5. Any two: food, water, air, a safe place, warmth

Draw it

Answers will vary.