Торіс	Key content / links to BBC Bitesize
Ecological relationships	 organisms only survive in a habitat where they have all the essentials for life and reproduction. animals can be divided into vertebrates and invertebrates and that these groups can be further subdivided green plants can be subdivided into those with vascular tissues (xylem and phloem) and complex leaves with a waterproof cuticle, and those without. use of quadrats as a sampling technique for investigating populations. observe and record the organisms which comprise the living community in a habitat. different habitats support different living things. different habitats have different environmental features. organisms show adaptations to environmental features. abundance of organisms in habitats is affected by environmental factors such as availability of light, water and nutrients. the size of a population depends on resources. all feeding relationships within a habitat are interconnected. food webs are made up of a number of food chains. plants benefit from waste products and the decay of other organisms. a pyramid of numbers describes the numbers of food plants, herbivores and carnivores in a habitat. there is a flow of energy from the producers to the final organisms in the food chain. BBC Bitesize - Ecosystems https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zxhhvcw
Inheritance and selection	 offspring are similar but not identical to their parents. some characteristics are inherited. cells have nuclei which contain information that is transferred from one generation to the next. during fertilisation genetic information from male and female parents is combined. the fusion of male and female sex cell nuclei in both animals and plants produces a new individual that is genetically unique. sperm and egg cells are specialised. fertilisation is similar in animals and plants. genetic material is called DNA. DNA is in the shape of a double helix held together by 4 chemicals called bases. chromosomes are long strands of coiled DNA and genes are sections of chromosomes that hold the information to produce characteristics. DNA structure was discovered by James Watson, Francis Crick and Rosalind Franklin. Franklin used X-rays to investigate DNA structure and produced the first image. Watson and Crick used the image to report that DNA was a helix which later developed into a double helix with base pairs. selective breeding involves choosing individuals with particular inherited characteristics to mate. different breeds of animals have been produced by selective breeding. selective breeding results in new varieties of plants and breeds of animals.

	 natural selection is a theory that explains how species evolve. natural selection is the process by which species change over time in response to environmental changes and competition for resources. competition is when two or more living things struggle against each other to get the same resource. evolution is the theory that an animal and plant species today descended from species that existed in the past. variation between individuals is important for the survival of a species, helping it to avoid extinction in an always changing environment. fossils provide evidence for evolution by natural selection. DNA evidence can now be used to identify similarities and differences in the genome of organisms. BBC Bitesize - Inheritance and genetics <u>https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zpffr82</u>
Energy and electricity	 useful changes usually involve energy transfers. Know that the terms, kinetic, gravitational potential, chemical, electrical, thermal and elastic are useful when describing energy. energy is transferred along four pathways: mechanical, heating, electrical or wave. electrical circuits are used to perform a variety of useful tasks. electrical energy is transferred around circuits and can be transferred by components as light, sound, movement and heat. Know how current behaves in electrical circuits. Know how to measure voltage (potential difference) in a circuit. Know a simple model of energy transfer from batteries to components in circuits. Know a simple model of potential difference making a current flow in a circuit. a cell has chemical energy, which is transferred to electrical energy in a circuit. in energy transfers, energy may go to waste. when energy is transferred the total amount of energy remains constant. use flow diagrams to show how energy is transferred in systems. electricity can be made to flow by causing movement in an electrical generator. fossil fuels, nuclear fuels and renewable energy sources can be used to drive electrical generators. electric current is conducted from the mains to components in electrical circuits. energy is transmitted via electricity to an appliance, where it is transferred to another store. some appliances transfer more energy than others (in a given time), this is the definition of power. Make calculations of power in terms of power = energy transferred/time. identify the power rating of common electricial appliances. Be able to calculate the cost of electricity, given the time, unit cost or kilowatt hours used. BBC Bitesize - Electricity https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zgy39j6 BBC