Monday LO: to use question marks.

Today we are going to think about questions. You are going to pretend to be Town Mouse. Which questions would you like to ask Country Mouse? Think about the questions Town Mouse would have written in her letter.

Think of and write 5 questions that Town Mouse could ask.



How long does it take to get to the country?

Challenge: Choose two of your questions and write the answers that Country Mouse would have given.

Tuesday LO: to use question marks.

Today you are going to pretend that you are Town Mouse and you are going to write a letter to Country Mouse asking if he would like to swap houses. Use your questions from yesterday.

Country Mouse,
29 Farm Lane,
The Countryside

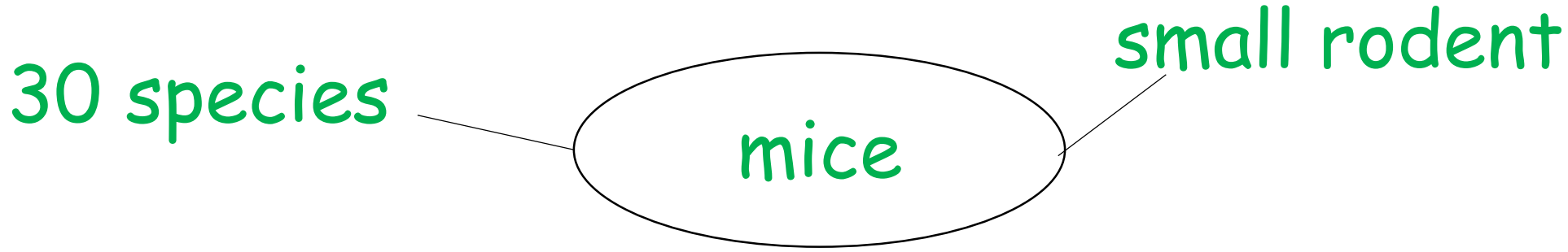


Dear Country Mouse,
I love hearing about the beautiful countryside with its cheeky squirrels and its fluffy, white sheep. What else is there to see in the countryside? What is your house like? I would really like to visit the countryside to see it for myself because it sounds so beautiful.
I have a fantastic idea! We could swap houses. I could explore the peaceful countryside and you could explore the busy, noisy town. Would you like to see the town? The town is big and there is lots to see like very tall buildings and busy shops.
I hope to hear from you soon,
Lots of love,
Town Mouse
xxxx

Challenge: Underline the questions in your letter.

Wednesday LO: to research.

Today we are going to learn all about mice. Over the next few slides you will see lots facts about mice. Please go through the facts with your child. I usually go through the facts twice.
Once you have read through and discussed the information about mice please create a mind map with key information.



Wednesday LO: to research.



A **mouse** is a small rodent that typically has a pointed snout, relatively large ears and eyes, and a long tail.
Mice are found in nearly every country and type of terrain. They can live in forests, grasslands and manmade structures.
There are more than **30 known species of mice**. The best known mouse species is the common house mouse (Mus musculus).
While the average mouse **lifespan** is only about **12 months** outdoors, indoors, this number can climb to **2** to **3 years**.

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Mice typically grow from **3** to **18 centimeters** (1 to 7 inches) **in length** (nose to base of tail) and **weigh** between **10** and **45 grams** (0.3 and 1.6 ounce). Some mice have tails that are as long as their bodies.

Mice **range in color** from white to light brown, dark brown, silver, gray or black. Some mice exhibit dual coloration. White and brown is the most common of these combinations, while some specimens may have white, brown and black coats.



Wednesday LO: to research.

Mice are usually **nocturnal animals**. They have poor eyesight but make up for this with their very good hearing and smell.
Whiskers help mice to sense smooth and rough edges, temperature change and breezes.
Mice are **highly social animals**.
They build intricate burrows in the wild. These burrows typically have long entrances and are equipped with escape tunnels or routes. In at least one species, the architectural design of a burrow is a genetic trait.



Wednesday LO: to research.

They are very clean and tidy rodents with their burrows often having separate areas for storing food, sleeping and going to the toilet.
Mice **groom** themselves several times a day and are less likely than dogs or cats to transmit parasites and viruses.
Mice are intelligent creatures with complex levels of communication: **vocal** – often beyond the auditory range of humans, **odorous**, and **body language**.
Mice actually have facial expressions. They use these facial expressions to communicate with other mice and express their mood.



Thursday LO: to write facts.

Recap facts about mice from previous day.
Today you are going to use your mind map and any other key information that you know to write facts about mice.
You can write the facts in your book normally or you can create a fact file.

Mice are in the rodent family.
Mice are clean and tidy.

Challenge: Draw a diagram of a mouse, can you label it?

Friday Handwriting

Little red hearts are meant to say,
I am thinking of you on Valentines Day.
I like being friends with you, to laugh and play.
Thanks for your friendship this Valentines Day.

