Year 4/5 Science Knowledge Organiser – Reproductive Cycles

Vocabulary					
1 sexual reproduction		A male and a female produce offspring (plants or animals).	6 larva		The young form of some animals which looks very different from their parents e.g. a caterpillar is the larva of a butterfly.
2 asexual reproduction		Only one parent is needed to produce offspring e.g. spider plants.	7 pupa		A pupa is an insect that is in the stage of development between a larva and an adult. It has a protective covering and does not move.
3 pollination	<u>्</u> र्क्ष्	Pollen from the male part of one plant is taken to the female part of a different plant (often by insects).	8 embryo	Ì	This is an unborn or unhatched offspring.
4 fertilisation		This is when the male part of a plant or animal joins with the female part of a plant or animal.	9 insect	Ŕ	A small and often winged animal with six jointed legs and a body formed of a head, thorax, and abdomen e.g. bee.
5 gestation	ÐŊ	The time a baby animal spends growing inside its mother's uterus (womb).	10 amphibian	\$	An cold-blooded animal with a backbone which can live on land and in water e.g. frogs, toads and newts.

Key knowledge

Life cycle – a series of changes that happen during the life of an organism. These changed include reproduction (the making of offspring).

Metamorphosis – the physical changes an animal goes through to become an adult.

Some animals undergo **complete metamorphosis** which has 4 stages: Butterfly: egg – larva (caterpillar) – pupa (chrysalis) – adult (butterfly) Amphibian: egg – larva (tadpole) - froglet (immature frog) – adult (frog) Some animals undergo **incomplete metamorphosis** which has 3 stages Grasshopper: egg – nymph (which look a lot like their adult form) - adult

Mammals have backbones, are warm-blooded, have hair or fur and females feed their young with milk. There are 3 types of **mammal**:

Placental mammals – a mammal which grows inside its mother's uterus (womb) e.g. whale and human Monotremes – a mammal which lays a soft-shelled egg e.g. echidna and duck-billed platypus Marsupial - a mammal which grows and is suckled in its mother's pouch e.g. kangaroo and koala





