





Poison Arrow Frog

Fact File

- In the wild, the Poison Arrow Frog lives in the rainforests of Central and South America. Some hunters use its poison to coat their darts.
- The Blue Poison Arrow Frog is at risk due to loss of its rainforest habitat. It is the subject of a special breeding programme in European zoos.
- Most Poison Arrow Frogs are bright colours to warn predators that they are poisonous.

Talk about...

FROGS

What features does a frog have?

A frog has long back legs, a short body and eyes that stick out. Its skin is smooth and it has webbed fingers and toes. It's a good jumper.

Does a frog live in the water all the time?

Frogs are amphibians, which live on land but return to water to lay eggs. A Poison Arrow Frog lives in the rainforest, where it is wet. It lays eggs in damp places such as leaves.

How does a baby frog grow?

It starts as an egg, grows into a tadpole, develops legs and loses its tail.

DO IT!

- Children could use the internet or books to find out more about Poison Arrow Frogs. They could also find out about other types of amphibian e.g. toads, salamanders, newts.
- Make a display to show a frog's life cycle (eggs, tadpole, adult frog). Use collage materials, e.g. bubble wrap for frogspawn.
- In springtime, the class could look for frogspawn in a local pond. Check it every few days and watch it develop. Children can make notes and draw what they see.*

* Make sure an appropriate risk assessment is done for this activity

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