

BIODIVERSITY WEEK ANIMAL OF THE DAY COMMON FROG



- The Common Frog is one of three Amphibians in Ireland. The other two are Smooth Newts and Natterjack Toads.
- Amphibians spend part of their lives in the water and part on land. They are cold blooded which means they rely on outside conditions to stay warm. This leads them to being some of the very few animals that hibernate in Ireland.
- There are several thousand different species of frog around the world but in Ireland there is just one! The Common Frog.
- Frogs play an important role in the the food web, they mostly feed on small invertebrates including slugs, worms and lots of flying insects. They are a food source for many different animals including herons, foxes and otters.
- Although frogs are widespread throughout Ireland, amphibians are one of the most at risk groups of animals around the world. Their wetland habitats are often under threat. 50% of amphibian's wetland habitats have disappeared from Ireland in the last 100 years!

Check out some of the activities that may suit your class below!

Junior Videos	Indoor Activities	Outdoor Activities
Watch Common Frogs wake from hibernation& produce frog spawn in this video .	Try your hand making this Frog Origami ! You will need a square of card!	Go out on a nature walk to your nearest pond, stream etc. What plants/animals do you see? Do a litter pick while you are there!
Learn more about Smooth Newts in this short video .	Check out some of the Irish Peatlands Councils resources for the classroom!	Can you put in a mini container pond on school grounds? Check out this guide for some ideas.
Watch this video to hear the amazing sounds of the natterjack toad.		Make a Frog Winter Home (especially if you have a pond nearby!)