

# LEARN AT CHESTER ZOO

L.O: To compare and contrast the life cycle of mammals, amphibians, birds and insects.

## LIFE CYCLE OF A CAT

Photocopy on to card. Cut out the individual cards with images and annotations. Keep together as a set of cards to create a life cycle.



### NEWLY BORN KITTEN

The kitten relies on its mother's milk until they are a minimum of 4 weeks old. They are usually weaned when they are between 8 and 10 weeks old.



### KITTENHOOD

Kittenhood is the period from when a cat is born until it is 6 months old. At 5 weeks old, all her senses are fully developed.



### KITTENS LEARN THROUGH PLAY

Every kitten has a strong play drive. They learn a great deal through playing. If not allowed to play, they may end up being aggressive to other cats.



### THE JUNIOR CAT

This is between 7 months old and 2 years. She has a long and lanky body. She slowly starts to act more like an adult as she reaches sexual maturity and can get pregnant at the age of 1.



### THE PRIME CAT (3-6 YEARS)

The prime cat is a full adult and she is most energetic at this age.



### THE MATURE CAT, SENIOR CAT AND GERIATRIC CAT

The mature cat is 7 to 10 years and is slowly getting old. The senior cat is 11 years and over and the geriatric cat is 15 + years (equivalent to between 76 and 116 human years!). Senior and Geriatric cats have fur that is going white.