**Learning Objective**

We are learning how to use the first two or three letters of a word to check its meaning and spelling in a dictionary

**Challenge 1**

**Match the words to the correct definitions below. Draw a line to match the word to its definition.**

nocturnal

a yellow powder made by a flower, which fertilises seeds

pollen

this is where animals use sound waves to understand where objects are

adapt

a creature that is active at night

mammal

something that changes or can be changed

echolocation

a warm blooded animal, with hair or fur that gives birth to its babies

**Challenge 2**

**Read each of these words. Put them in order alphabetically. You will need to look at the second and third letter.**

magnificent

mammal

nutritious

night-time

nectar

nocturnal

**A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z**

**Challenge 3**

**Use your dictionary skills to find the definitions of the words in bold and create a glossary for the paragraph below. A glossary is like a mini dictionary that shows the reader the meanings of words that appear in a text (see below). Notice how it is organised in alphabetical order.**

Bats are **mammals**. They are the only mammals capable of sustained flight. Most bats are **insectivores** and use **echolocation** to detect their prey. Others are **frugivores** and some (like the Mexican long-tongued bats) are nectivores. Most bats are **nocturnal** and many **roost** in caves. Bats can vary greatly in size. The largest bat is the golden-crowned flying fox which has a **wingspan** of 1.7 metres. The smallest bat is Kitti’s hog-nosed bat, which has a wingspan of just 15 centimetres.

**Glossary**

**bat –** a nocturnal mouse-like flying animal

**nectar** – a sugary liquid produced by plants

**tongue** – a fleshy mouthpart used for tasting and licking