

Messages from the *Wild*

AN INTERACTIVE LEARNING PROGRAMME FOR 7 to 11 YEAR OLDS



Aims and Objectives

In this creative and innovative education programme, pupils will practise skills of empathy building, questioning and engaged listening whilst exploring and connecting with wildlife. Activities will encourage speaking and listening, creativity and teamwork skills through a range of tasks. Lessons will encourage pupils to discover new facts about the natural world, exploring habitats and examining the relationship between the human and non-human world.

Pupils will learn more about the animals living in their country, understanding some of their needs and habits by embodying them as they create 'real-life' interviews with them. Lessons will encourage students to participate in empathic connecting with animals, engaging in creative role-play to record a short interview which will then be uploaded to share within school networks across the country.

Lesson 1 overview:

In this lesson, pupils will listen to a selection of interviews with animals from *Messages from the Wild*, learning exciting facts and understanding how to create their own engaging interview. They will take part in a research project to find out more about an animal living in their own country.

Lesson 2 overview:

In this lesson, pupils will record their own interviews with animals and draw a picture of them to upload to the *Messages from the Wild* website, to be shared with the national network of schools.

Knowledge development:

exciting new facts about animals | ideas connected to the local environment | nature and conservation | local wildlife habitats | natural history | ecology

Skills development:

listening skills | critical thinking | teamwork | empathy | information processing | creativity | research skills | technical skills

For a copy of the lesson plans, please email: education@messagesfromthewild.com