

Messages from the *Wild*

AN INTERACTIVE LEARNING PROGRAMME FOR 7 to 11 YEAR OLDS



Aims and Objectives

Hundreds of thousands of animals are tirelessly going about their business every day, unknowingly and indirectly keeping us alive. It's time to get to know them...and that's what this programme is all about as students practise skills of empathy building, questioning and engaged listening whilst exploring and connecting with wildlife - creating a new relationship with animals and really feeling what it's like to be an ant, fox, otter, dung beetle, hawk moth, hedgehog, buzzard, dragonfly, earthworm, butterfly, bumble bee in today's world.

Activities will encourage speaking and listening, creativity and teamwork skills through a range of tasks. Lessons will encourage students to discover new facts about the natural world, exploring habitats and examining the relationship between humans and wildlife, creating a better understanding of the world around us.

Students 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. These conversations with animals will be recorded and uploaded on to the internet, where applicable.

Lesson 1 overview:

Students 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, students 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