



What is an endangered species?



Learning Intention

- Recognise that the population of some animals/species are in decline (endangered species) for example through loss of habitat or being hunted.

National Curriculum Skills

- English** Communicate, clearly and confidently, expressing opinions and adapting talk to audience and purpose, using appropriate gesture, intonation and register in order to engage the learner.
- Science** Interdependence of living organisms in those 2 environments and their representation in food chains.
- How humans affect the local environment.
- Geography** Describe the causes and consequences of how places and environments change
- Living in my world: caring for places and environments and the importance of being a global citizen.
- ESDGC** The natural Environment.

Activity Outline

- * Children will brainstorm ideas about what is an endangered species.
- * Ask and answer open ended questions.
- * Ask questions about a photograph.

Resources

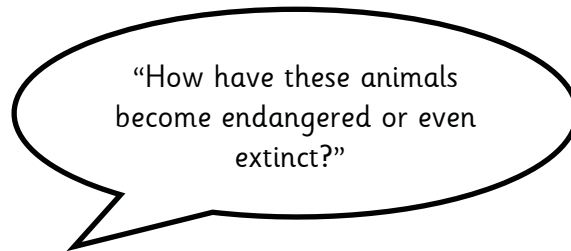
Post-its
Key Questions prompt sheet
Picture discussion sheet
Song Thrush factfile



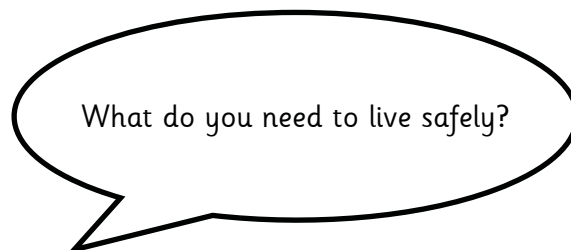
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Lesson Outline

- Tell the children they are going to be 'endangered species detectives'.
- Use the Key questions prompt sheet to open discussion.
- Ask pupils to form small discussion groups and jot their own ideas down on a Post-it note.
- Feedback to the class and build up a profile of the pupils' understanding of 'endangered'.
- Explain that some animals have become extinct 'globally' (dodo or dinosaur) and some 'locally' such as the wolf, lynx and beaver.



- Discuss some of the key questions that arise.
- In small groups, encourage pupils to ask and write questions on the picture discussion sheet relating to what they have learned.



Key Questions

Can you think of any local animals that might be at risk?

What do we know about endangered species?

What does endangered mean?

Why do you think animals become endangered?

Who decides animals are endangered?

Can you think of any animals that have become extinct?

Which animals do you think are at risk of becoming endangered?

When do animals become endangered?

Why do we call some animals endangered?

What will happen to endangered animals?

Where are animals endangered?

Picture Discussion Sheet



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