

Weather and Climate

Topics covered

- All about otters – where they live, their cubs, footprints, diet, how long they live, and what they need to live a healthy life.

Objectives

- Learn about otters and their habitat.
- Appreciate the importance of an unpolluted river for otter communities to thrive.

Activities

Quiz – How much do you know about otters?

Answers to quiz:

- 1 – b
- 2 – fish, small animals, birds, frogs, eels
- 3 – in a holt
- 4 – man and his pollution

- Draw the Otter's food chain

Suggested approach

- Talk about otters and how they are returning to Dorset – largely due to cleaner streams and suitable habitats.
- Distribute pupil sheets to aid discussion. Let the children do the quiz.
- Talk about food chains (see also Key Stage 3 materials).

Useful resources

www.dorsetwildlifetrust.org.uk
www.waterwise.org.uk

For more information and ideas on this topic see our Key Stage 3 material.