



# The Animals Around Us

## AN ASL TWINS PROJECT PLAN

### General Overview

This TWINS project aims to give the students in both schools an understanding of the animals that live along side them and their peers in a different country.

### Method

- The TWINS Coordinators of both schools agree to share this project and set a deadline for its completion.
- This project can be done as a class activity but also individually by the students.
- First the teacher and students should make a list of the animals that live around them. Encourage the children to think past dogs and cats! The list should include a wide variety; pets, farm animals, reptiles, birds, insects, fish, land and sea mammals etc.....
- Each student should choose or be randomly given an animal to research and write about.
- On a piece paper the students should write about their animal; drawings or photographs should be included.
- The individual sheets can then be made into a project book with any additional information.
- Groups of children can also work on bright posters or artwork that can be displayed in their TWINS school.
- The project book and posters should be exchanged with your TWINS school and a follow up lesson arranged to compare the similarities and differences. Are there any surprises?

### Questions to consider!

The students should consider the following questions when researching and writing about their animal:-

- Do they interact with the animal?
- What is the animal's natural environment, what does it eat and when and where does it sleep?
- Does the animal impact on the student's lives and the way they live?
- Does man impact on the animal's life and environment?
- Is the animal endangered? How should we protect it?
- How is this animal viewed by most people; friendly, scary, dangerous, ugly, cute, dirty etc? What does the student think?
- Is this animal depicted in a famous way; films, cartoons, puppets, advertisements, books etc?
- How does the climate affect the animals around us?
- How does your culture or religion affect how you view and treat animals?

## What will the students learn?

- How to gather and creatively present information.
- To consider the environment and evaluate perceptions.
- How animals impact on us and how we impact on them.
- Similarities and differences between the animals in each country.

## Summary

This TWINS project is a great way for students to look at and present the animals around them while learning about the animals around their TWINS schools. This project can be linked to the global dimension themes of Diversity, Environment and Sustainability.

