

Literacy session 3

Challenge

Can you write about orangutans?

It could be in the form of a booklet, poster, non-chronological report or fact file.

Orangutans



Remember to include facts about:

- Diet
- Behaviour
- Habitat
- Appearance
- Fascinating facts

Here are some facts to help you:

- Sadly, orangutans are today on the **endangered** species list. **Deforestation** in the forests where they live has reduced their habitat, and illegal hunting has put populations at serious risk

- The orangutan is one of humankind's closest relatives - in fact, we share nearly 97% of the same DNA! The word orangutan comes from the Malay words "**orang hutan**", meaning "**human of the forest**"
- Orangutans spend most of their time up in the trees, where they use their long, strong arms and hook-shaped hands to climb and swing from branch to branch. Come bedtime, they sleep in leafy nests high off the ground, where it's harder for hungry enemies (such as **leopards** and other big cats) to get them!
- Daytime eaters, their diet consists mostly of **fruit** and **leaves** - but they also eat nuts, bark, insects and, once in a while, bird eggs, too
- Orangutans are **red-haired apes** that live in the tropical rainforests of **Sumatra** and **Borneo** in southeast Asia
- These magnificent mammals measure **1.2m** to **1.5m** tall and weigh up to **100kg**. And they have one seriously big arm span - some males can stretch their arms **2m** from fingertip to fingertip

