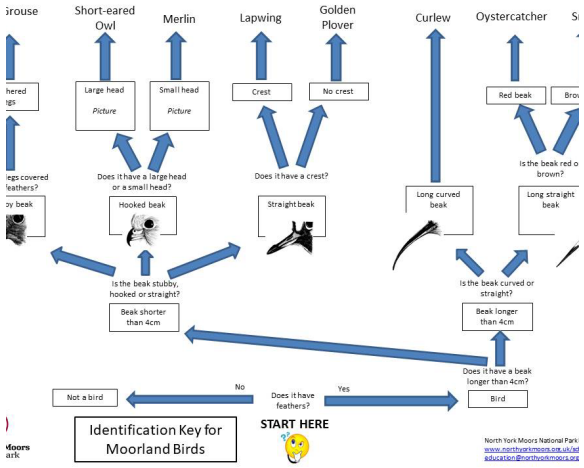
North York Moors National Park

Classification and Identification (Key stage 2)



An indoor activity learning about the adaptations of moorland birds and using a giant floor identification key to identify different moorland birds and learning about their adaptations that help them to survive on the moorland. We use a giant floor key.

We also take part in the big quiz 'The Battle of the Beasts' where the class splits into teams working together in this fun quiz.

Finally design our own bird. The pupils must use the different bird sections to create a uniquely adapted bird for a specific habitat. They will present to the class their amazing bird and explain everything about it.

Age Range: Years 3 to 6 (Age 7 to 11)

Duration: 1½ hours

Location: Danby Lodge National Park Centre

Main curriculum links

Science

- living things and their habitats

Key learning objectives

Children should learn…

Science

- about plants and animals that live in a moorland habitat

Other skills involved

- using keys
- food chains

- team working
- looking carefully / observation skills
- asking questions
- speaking to a group

Learning outcomes

All children will be able to:

- follow an identification key to identify a species

Most children will be able to:

- assign animals to groups based on their similarities

Assessment for learning

We assess learning using a variety of techniques appropriate to the activity such as: questioning, questioning games, observing how well children are performing tasks, checking results, quizzes and feedback forms.

Ideas for extending learning before and after this activity

Find the North York Moors on a map of Britain. Can children also find Danby and Danby Lodge National Park Centre?

For more information about moorland go to: www.northyorkmoors.org.uk/wildlife-and-habitats/moorland

What is adaptation? – KS2 Science curriculum - BBC Bitesize

Further information

To find out more, make a booking or view other activities please visit our Outdoor learning and school visits page.

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