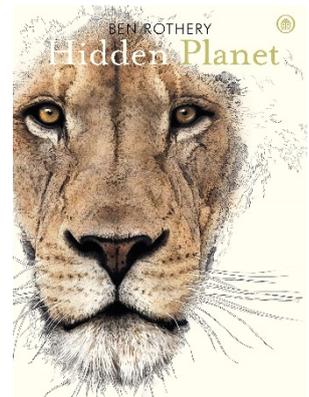


School Library Association Information Book Award Shortlist 2020

13 to 16 years

Hidden Planet

Penguin Random House, Ben Rothery, Ben Rothery (9780241361009)



The activities below are designed to be used at home with parents, or as gentle links to the school curriculum, easing young people back into school life. Simply select activities to suit your interests and state of mind. Please feel free to adapt, and we will be pleased to hear of all successes.

Bookmarks)

Bunting) download the templates provided

'Flag a Fact')

Choose your favourite fact from this book, make a flag and then put it in the window for people to see.

Design an alternative cover for this book using any medium you would like.

Discussion Point – if you are virtually meeting in a group, think about the following:

This book is a picture book, yet has been placed in the 13-16 age category. Is this the right category for it? Are 'picture books' always for young children? Are there different levels of enjoyment for different ages?

English/Literacy

Find words you are unfamiliar with and look up their meaning

At the moment sometimes we all need a simple activity for distraction. Here is a wordsearch of wildlife words:

<https://www.benrotheryillustrator.co.uk/collections/free-colouring-images/products/wildlife-wordsearch>

Science

The author/illustrator Ben Rothery says how important environmentalists such as David Attenborough were to him. There are reports of planet recovery since lockdown.

What evidence have you seen?

What are positive steps you can keep up once life returns to 'normal'?

There have also been some fake claims and inaccurate news; how do you know your evidence is genuine?

History/Geography

What animals are endangered around the world today? Are countries doing enough to halt this? Is it different in different countries?

Relevant sites:

https://www.worldwildlife.org/species/directory?direction=desc&sort=extinction_status

<https://www.rspb.org.uk/birds-and-wildlife/wildlife-guides/uk-conservation-status-explained/>

PHSE

Before you open this book, what did you think it was about?

How important is the natural world to us?

Have your views changed since you were stopped from your usual habits of travel and social activities?

Did you see more wildlife in lockdown?

Art/DT

This book is a very large format. Is there a reason for this? Or is it too unwieldy? Would it have worked in smaller format?

Look at the websites, Instagram and Twitter accounts of e.g. illustrators like Jackie Morris and Chris Riddell

https://www.instagram.com/chris_riddell/

@chrisriddell50

<http://www.jackiemorris.co.uk/>

@JackieMorrisArt

Look at Chris' posts of drawing live. He says everyone can draw and suggests doodling every day. Can you keep a doodle-a-day diary until you return to school, then see your progress?

Draw one of the animals from the book. The author has created step by step guides:

<https://www.benrotheyillustrator.co.uk/collections/free-colouring-images>

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Ben Rothery's Instagram account @brillustrations has some fantastic drawings, including photos of him with his pet (domesticated) cat. Could this be an inspiration for the wildcats? Follow his account where he also answers wildlife and art related questions.

Film competition:

<https://www.intofilm.org/competitions/16>

The competition above asks young people aged between 5 – 19 to make a short film about *Nature in your Neighbourhood*. Guides are available on the website with a closing date of 19th June. So get creative now.