

Red Panda Primary Resource

This Animals primary resource introduces children to the red panda. Learn all about this fascinating species and how it is perfectly adapted to life in the treetops. Where in the world do red pandas live? What do they eat? How do they climb? How do red pandas compare to the giant panda?

Pupils will learn all about the key aspects of red panda's anatomy, behaviour and lifestyle in this National Geographic Kids Primary Resource sheet. Furthermore, they will gain an in depth understanding of how these animals have evolved to survive in their Himalayan home.

The teaching resource can be used in study group tasks and discussions about red pandas and other species. It can be used as a printed handout for each pupil to review and annotate, or for display on the interactive whiteboard for class discussion.

Activity:

Ask pupils to carry out research (in groups or independently) on a different mammal species. How is the animal adapted to its environment? Get them to draw a labelled diagram/picture/poster to show these adaptations. How does the animal find food? How does it hide from or defend itself against predators? Does it have a tail and, if so, how is it used?

The children could also research another mammal (perhaps one that lives in the same region as the red panda) and create a compare and contrast table - similar in style to the 'panda smackdown' section of the primary resource. Showing the similarities and differences between the two animals, the table should include headings such as '*Lives*', '*Eats*', '*Colour*', '*Likes to*', '*Main Predators*' etc.