

Classroom Migration Project

This is a collaborative project which links many different subjects

Overview

The idea is to link the corridors and rooms of your school by making them into the countries and flyway of your chosen osprey's migration route.

Each room along the route will be turned into a country and you will be able to display dozens of migrating ospreys 'flying' along the corridors (flyways) between them. At junction points there will be 'trees' for the birds to perch on and rest. The migration routes will all end up at an important central point (school hall or canteen?) which will be the designated lake and nest site that your chosen bird is migrating to as its destination.

Each participating class will have its room as one of the countries on the migration route and the room can be decorated with information, materials, pictures, flags and objects that represent that country. Each participating child will have a flying osprey outline on an A4 sheet, which they can colour, paint or add paper feathers to make it look like an osprey. These will then be hung from the ceilings or put on the walls along the corridors.

At the junction points on the corridors there can be something on which the birds can perch and rest, it might be as simple as a dead tree outline cut out of brown paper and stuck on the wall. Or depending on space it could be a very large pot plant, your now redundant Christmas tree which no longer has its needles or a large dead branch mounted securely in a bucket. Some children will be given perched osprey outlines to colour or paint and these can be attached to the tree.

If you have access to Google Earth it might be possible for you to take a virtual 'look' at a place your chosen osprey rested. It might be an interesting site. One of the Rutland birds once rested for a night in the grounds of a French Chateau!



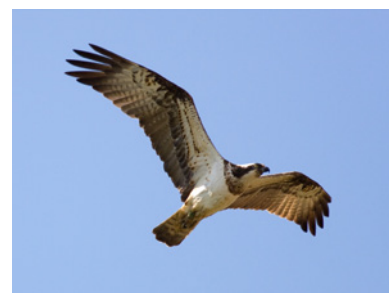
In the destination room, an outline of a nest on a pole can be put on the wall and something on the floor to represent the lake, complete with some fish. You could even build a replica nest from sticks! (see the Osprey Nest Maths sheet)

Resources / Materials

There are photographs and osprey outlines for you to download. It would be a good idea for them to have the original picture (projected from the classroom computer?) from which to see the feather colour patterns and shading.

Sharing Your Pupils Work

We would like to join in with your classroom migration project and you can also share it with other participating schools particularly those you have been in contact with. To do this you can choose the best most realistic ospreys that your pupils have coloured in, scan and email them to us and your other school 'friends'. We can print out the ones we receive and the intention is to have a migration route around the Lyndon visitor centre which is the hub of the Rutland Water Osprey Project. If you send some of your ospreys to another school they can display them with their ospreys and visa versa.



When Your Migration Project is Complete

If you have the equipment you could film a journey along your flyway, visiting the different rooms and show us what you have done. Your film should not be longer than 3 minutes and can be sent to us to put on the website. A pupil commentary could be scripted to explain your work.

Visitors, parents and governors' can be taken (by pupils) on a migration flight around the display. It would make a wonderful focal point for an open evening.

