

Ospreys in the News

Like an Osprey catching a fish you have to plan your approach to catch your fish- sorry reader!

STEP 1 – Research

(Look around like the Osprey searching the reservoir for a fish)

The first step is to find a story about the Rutland Ospreys.

The five W's will help you to cover the important parts of any story involving ospreys and or people!

Who Where What Why When

Make some summary notes of your key facts

STEP 2 – The Story

(You have to choose the target- like the Osprey sees the Fish)

Consider what you are writing your piece for. Newspaper, Magazine (typical reader?) Website .

This will help you to decide what to include in your story and in which order.

STEP 3 – Structure

(The Osprey hovers and adjusts its flight until it is directly over the fish)

You need an introduction which grabs the reader. Any story should give information in an interesting way, and be readable. All stories should also have a good finish and suggest where the reader can get more information! Short sections often work best, and you can include sub headings for each section if it helps.

STEP 4 – Draft

(The dive- the Osprey plunges towards its target)

Put your story together and read it. Give it to someone else to see what they think – have you missed something out. Remember you will know MORE than the reader about the story!

STEP 5 – The Result

(Talons grasp and the Osprey rises from the water – did it catch a fish?)

Rework the draft until you have the story complete. Check the word count (Maximum 300 words)

The final part is a Headline and the image

Happy fishing – see if you can catch the reader!