

Ospreys in the News

Give your students the following scenario...

"Newspapers, magazines, and websites report the latest news stories.

You are a news reporter and have to write an **Osprey Story** for the media.

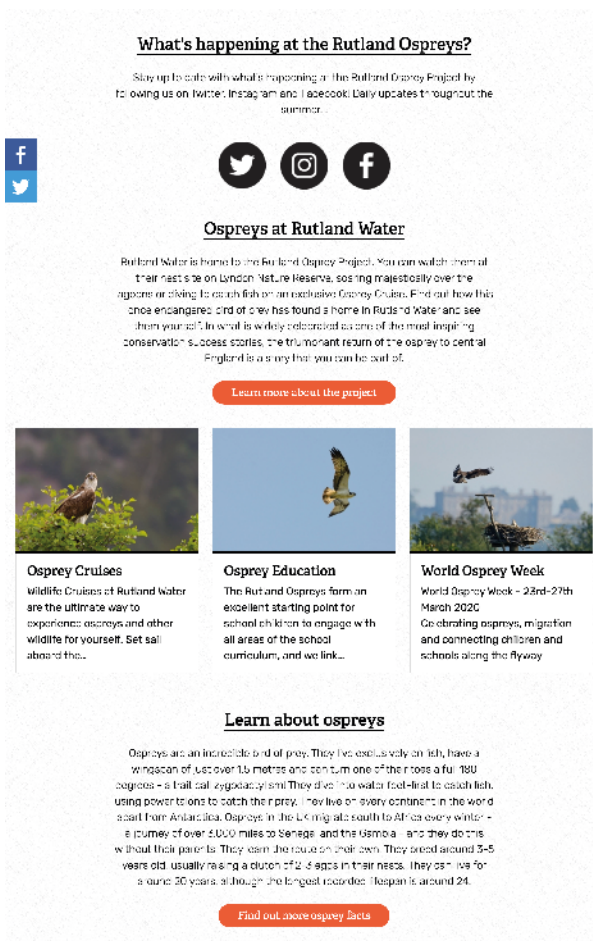
You can choose who you want to write for, and choose the style that would be best.

The aim is to produce a short (300 word maximum) report with a picture to go with your story about the Ospreys in the News.

Getting started...

A good place to start is an internet search using "Rutland Ospreys". This will take you to the Rutland Ospreys website.

Useful parts of the Rutland Ospreys website are...



What's happening at the Rutland Ospreys?

Stay up to date with what's happening at the Rutland Osprey Project by following us on Twitter, Instagram and Facebook. Daily updates throughout the summer.

Ospreys at Rutland Water

Rutland Water is home to the Rutland Osprey Project. You can watch them at their nest site on London Nature Reserve, soaring majestically over the ospreys or taking to catch fish on an exclusive Osprey Cruise. Find out how this once endangered bird of prey has found a home in Rutland Water and see them yourself. In 2017 it was widely celebrated as one of the most inspiring conservation success stories, the triumphant return of the osprey to central England is a story that you can be part of.

[Learn more about the project](#)

Osprey Cruises

Wildlife Cruises at Rutland Water are the ultimate way to experience ospreys and other wildlife for yourself. Set sail aboard this...

Osprey Education

The Rut and Ospreys form an excellent starting point for school children to engage with all areas of the school curriculum, and we link...

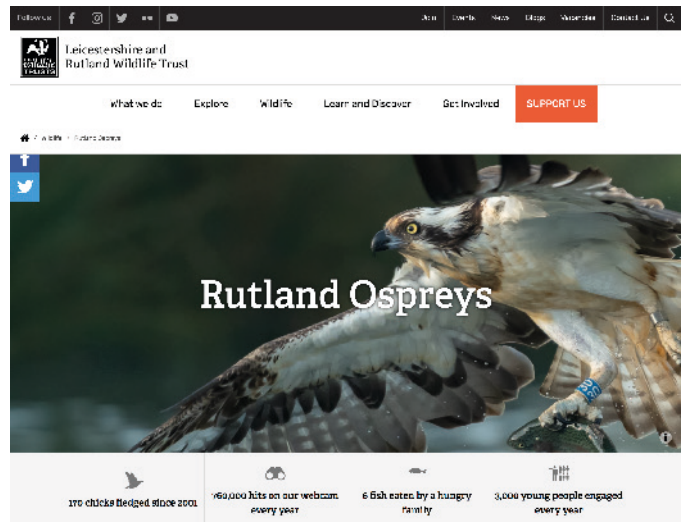
World Osprey Week

World Osprey Week - 23rd-27th March 2020
Celebrating ospreys, migration and connecting children and schools along the flyway

Learn about ospreys

Ospreys are an incredible bird of prey. They live exclusively on fish, have a wingspan of up to 1.5 metres and can turn one of the most a full 180 degrees - a full 360 degrees! They dive into water head-first to catch fish, using power to catch the prey. They live on every continent in the world apart from Antarctica. Ospreys in the UK migrate south to Africa every winter - a journey of over 2,000 miles to Senegal and the Gambia - and they do this without their parents. They learn the route on their own. They breed around 3-5 years old usually raising a clutch of 2-4 eggs in their nests. They survive for a couple 20 years although the longest recorded lifespan is around 24.

[Find out more osprey facts](#)



Rutland Ospreys

170 chicks fledged since 2001

>60,000 hits on our webcam every year

6 fish eaten by a hungry family

3,000 young people engaged every year

What's happening at the Rutland Ospreys?

This has the latest social media links and news

Ospreys at Rutland Water

Click on the "Learn more about the Project" link

History of the Rutland Osprey Project

Has details of the re-introduction and other "milestones" in the project

Searching the internet for "Rutland Osprey Images" and "Rutland Osprey News" may provide the start of a story too.

Other Osprey Stories your students can research

There are other osprey projects to find out about.

Here are links to some other osprey projects.

The Poole Harbour Osprey Project | Birds of Poole Harbour

<https://www.birdsofpooleharbour.co.uk/osprey>

Kielder Ospreys | Northumberland Wildlife Trust

<https://www.nwt.org.uk/what-we-do/projects/kielder-ospreys>

Dyfi Osprey Project

www.dyfiospreyproject.com

**Below are the student notes showing the stages for writing an Osprey news story.
The steps are explained in terms of an osprey catching a fish!**

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