

COP15 Biodiversity Live Lesson – Early Years to P3

Live Lesson on Tuesday 6th December

Live Assembly on Friday 9th December

Remember:

- Please join Tuesday and Friday session from 08.30.
- As a way of greeting all nurseries and schools who will join from different parts of Scotland, please write down in the chat the name of your school and your class.
- There will be a sound/video check at 09.20.
- The live lesson will start at 09.30 and will aim to finish at 10.00.
- Please make sure your microphone and camera are off at all times. All interaction will happen via chat.
- Please refer to our Teams Guide provided to see how to mute/stop seeing chat bubbles and notifications.
- The session will be recorded and made available shortly after.
- If you would like us to share images during the Friday Assembly of the work your pupils carried out inspired by the live lesson, please email them by 3.30pm on the Thursday to ecoschools@keepscotlandbeautiful.org or tag us on social media @KSBScotland.

Main aim of the lesson:

To provide pupils with a broad understanding of why we need COP15 to address the problems that we are causing in nature, and to engage pupils' interest in nature by sharing stories of three very different species, emphasising the message that all species on our planet are equally important.

Invitation to take action

As part of the live lesson on COP15 Biodiversity, and as way of taking positive action towards the various problems that litter poses to the environment, we will invite all classes to carry out **a litter pick and/or litter audit** during the week.

Invitation to take the lesson further

Each species that inhabits this planet perceives it in a completely different way to us humans: there are as many versions of our planet as species on Earth! As a way of reflecting on this, pupils across all ages are being invited to interpret their playground or preferred open space from the perspective of different species. A teaching resource is being provided for this.

Tuesday 6th

Host: Catriona Rae, Keep Scotland Beautiful

Guest: Jessica Lilley, RZSS Edinburgh Zoo.

Contents of lesson:

- A celebration of life, from little to big!
- Focusing on three particular species that we will visit through the lesson (hissing cockroaches, armadillos and Indian rhinos), we will discuss why every single species on our planet is important.
- We will also look at the great work happening in conservation to make these species and their ecosystems recover and thrive.

Additional:

During the lesson the size of some of the animals will be mentioned. We suggest to have a metre ruler or measuring tape handy, so pupils can either measure or being demonstrated the size of these animals in class.

If you would like to take the lesson further, the RZSS has provided templates for creating armadillo masks and for an activity of acrostic poems inspired by the lesson.

Friday 9th

Celebratory Assembly

Host: Catriona Rae, Keep Scotland Beautiful

Contents of assembly:

Friday's assembly will be an instance to go over the main learnings during Tuesday's live lesson, to answer any questions sent to our experts, and to display the work that schools and nurseries will share with us throughout the week. Please share images of your pupils' work no later than 3.30pm on Thursday 10th.

We are also hoping to have a very special message to pupils coming all the way from Montreal, where COP15 will be taking place.