

# TIGERS ARE NOT RUBBISH

We hope that the tiger model-making project will be a creative way to motivate children to think about the importance of saving tigers from extinction in the wild. This theme can be taken into the classroom, not only into art lessons, but literacy and geography lessons too.

The model-making competition is open to children up to age 12. There are many resources on the web to inspire teaching children of all ages about tigers.

[/www.savewildtigers.org/](http://www.savewildtigers.org/)

[www.bornfree.org.uk](http://www.bornfree.org.uk)

<http://worldwildlife.org/species/tiger>

[http://www.wpsi-india.org/tiger/tiger\\_facts.php](http://www.wpsi-india.org/tiger/tiger_facts.php)

[http://www.kidsfortigers.org/index.php?option=com\\_content&view=article&id=17&Itemid=84](http://www.kidsfortigers.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=17&Itemid=84)

<http://tigersin crisis.com/>

<http://kids.nationalgeographic.com/kids/animals/creaturefeature/tiger/>

## Discussion Questions/Ideas for the classroom:

- How many wild tigers were alive in 1900 and how many tigers are left in the wild today?
- Why do we think that tigers are special?
- Why are they endangered?
- Why is India called Land of the Tiger?
- Can you name any famous fictional tigers?
- Many companies or sports teams use the Tiger as their brand image – can you name any or find any pictures of them?

## Literacy Lesson Ideas

There are a number of books for children of all ages that feature tigers. We have listed some overleaf together with ideas to get children to think further about the importance of tigers. Many of these books have their own free education resources that can be downloaded from the web.

The tiger is a potent symbol that commands awe and respect. It is a significant animal in the mythology, art and heraldry of India in particular. Some of the tiger stories and Blake's poem mentioned overleaf can be incorporated into a narrative unit focusing on stories from other cultures. When basing work around a novel care should be taken not to use the book simply for 'curriculum springboarding'. It is essential that the story is read and enjoyed on its own terms and that any activities arising from reading the book should enhance the reading experience.

### Books:

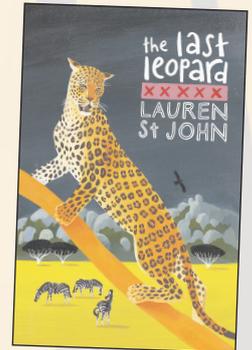
The Tiger Who Came to Tea by Judith Kerr  
The House at Pooh Corner by A.A. Milne  
The Tiger Child: A Folk Tale from India by Joanna Troughton  
Tiger Wars by Steve Backshall  
The Jungle Book/Just so stories/Tiger! Tiger! by Rudyard Kipling

### Poetry

Tyger, Tyger by William Blake

### Other wildlife titles:

The White Giraffe series by Lauren St John  
Journey to the River Sea by Eva Ibbotson  
The Butterfly Lion by Michael Morpurgo  
Born Free by Joy Adamson  
My Family and Other Animals by Gerald Durrell  
The Tiger-Skin Rug by Gerald Rose



### Literacy Project Ideas:

- Write a poem about a tiger in the wild and one about a tiger in captivity.
- Write a short story about coming face to face with a tiger. How would you feel? What would you do?
- What adjectives would you use to describe a tiger?
- Write a newspaper article on why the tiger is endangered.
- Write and present a 'Newsround' style TV news story about the tiger crisis.
- Create a 'save the tiger' project for your class.

### Geography Project Ideas:

Key Stage 2 Geography requires pupils to study a distant place. With references to Indian (and other) cultures, food, language, geography and political context, there is scope for further research to discover more about the background to the issue of endangered wildlife.

- Find out where the tiger lives in the world.
- Trace a map of India and add the national parks in which tigers live.
- Look up the history of the tiger in India. Put together a time chronology of the tiger.
- Why is the tiger endangered? Make a list of all the habitat and economic reasons that the tiger is declining in number in the wild.
- What impact has man had on the tiger and its environment?
- Why is the tiger being poached around the world?
- Create a 'Save the Tiger' programme for your class.
- Prepare a powerpoint presentation using text and images about how man has put the tiger in danger.

### Art Project Ideas:

- Make a model of a tiger from recycled materials.
- Draw a picture of a tiger in its natural habitat.
- Look up famous paintings that feature tigers.
- Trace the iconography of the tiger from the Indian cave paintings from early times to the present day.
- Create a logo and poster for a 'save the tiger' project.
- Create an advertising poster for a product that uses a tiger as a logo.

