



Ollie Otter's Diary

Equipment required

- Rulers
- Graph paper
- Copies of 'Ollie Otter's Diary'

To complete the activity

1. Provide learners with copies of the otter's diary.
2. Support learners to use the information within the diary to create a bar graph showing how much of each prey the otter eats. This can either be done daily or for the whole week.
3. The activity can be extended by creating another graph based on estimates of how far the otter has travelled to get the food everyday. On the map there is a scale and diary details of where the otter has been, so the routes can be measured and then graphed.
4. As a class, the results can be discussed and the distances can be compared to local places that are an equivalent distance so that the learners can get an idea of how far the otters are travelling for food.

Ollie Otter's Diary

Monday:

It was a sunny day today so we decided to go down to the coast to eat some crabs. It seemed to take ages to swim all the way to the estuary and then round to Rocky Bay. There was lots of food though; I ate eight crabs! On the way back I ate a salmon for dinner and two frogs. Time for bed now.

Tuesday:

It was raining a lot today and I didn't feel like going far, so I had three frogs for breakfast and then went for a short swim to Big Blue lake. There were a few trout there so I had two for lunch and then headed home for my two frog dinner.

Wednesday:

I had a very busy day today, lots of swimming. Mum wanted me to help get food for everyone so we swam up to the waterfall to catch salmon. I ate a big one for breakfast. We then went down to Woody Stream to look for frogs. I was so hungry that I had three as a snack. After that we carried on down to Sandy Beach to look for crabs, we found loads so I had four for my dinner. It seemed to take ages to swim back to the holt tonight.

Thursday:

I was really tired today so I didn't want to do much. We went for an early swim around Big Blue lake, ate two trout for breakfast. Then we went to play in the mountain streams. I had my favourite food for lunch, four crayfish! It was really tasty. I had a nap and then went with mum to the waterfall where we had a salmon for dinner. I fell asleep as soon as I got back to the holt.

Friday:

It was a stormy day today so mum decided that we should go to the sea to look for crabs. We headed off down the main river and came across lots of eels. I had three small ones for breakfast. We went right to the edge of Sandy Beach today as far as you can get from the estuary - it was exciting. I had six crabs for lunch and two more in Rocky Bay. Once we got home mum gave us three frogs for dinner and we went to bed.

I drew this map of my home area so that I could remember it forever...

