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## ANIMAL FACT FILE



### Lead-in activity

Share the example elephant *Animal Fact File*. Discuss the headings used to organise the information and which sources of information would work well.

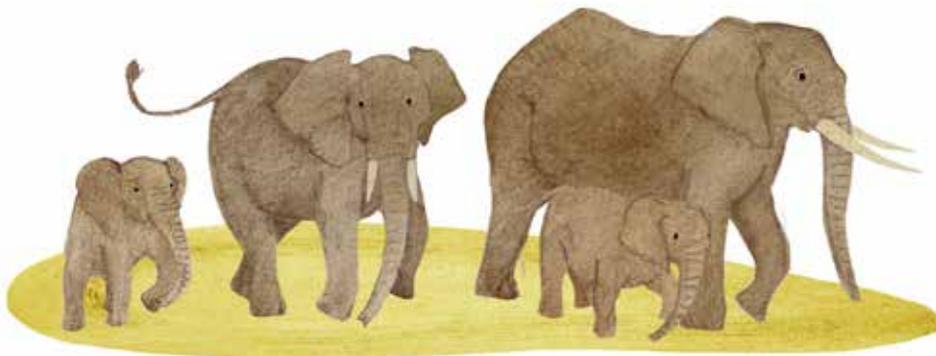
### Main activity

Photocopy the blank animal fact file. This activity can be completed by individuals, pairs or small groups. Children use *The Most Important Animal of All* to research

information about one of the keystone species from the book. Provide additional non-fiction texts and access to the internet to give further opportunities for children to find things out using secondary sources of information and complete their fact files.

### Extension activity

Photocopy additional blank animal fact files for children to use to independently research their own most important animal of all.



### English National Curriculum links:

- identify and name a variety of common animals including fish, amphibians, reptiles, birds and mammals
- identify and name a variety of common animals that are carnivores, herbivores and omnivores
- identify and name a variety of plants and animals in their habitats, including microhabitats
- develop their understanding of scientific ideas by using different types of scientific enquiry to answer their own questions, including finding things out using secondary sources of information
- use relevant strategies to build their vocabulary
- writing for different purposes

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<b>NAME</b>	Elephant
<b>SCIENTIFIC NAME</b>	<i>Loxodonta</i>
<b>TYPE (mammal, insect...)</b>	mammal
<b>HABITAT</b>	savannas, grasslands, forests and many others
<b>AVERAGE LIFESPAN IN THE WILD</b>	48-70 years
<b>DIET</b>	Elephants eat lots of things like roots, grasses, fruit and bark.
<b>INTERESTING FACT 1</b>	African elephants are the largest land animal on Earth.
<b>INTERESTING FACT 2</b>	When there is no rain, elephants remember where there is water and dig for it.
<b>INTERESTING FACT 3</b>	People use elephant poo to build homes and make paper.

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