



### **Key Stage 3 (Ages 11 to 13)**

#### **Introductory Sheet**

Key stage 3 is the first stage of a student's education in secondary school, and as such there are a lot of changes which they need to get used to. Students may come in to the first years of secondary school with a variety of skills developed, to a variety of standards and as such this work sheet is designed to give your students gentle stimulation while they work around the park. However the most important aspect of this worksheet is that it encourages them to look around the park carefully, taking in the information which is on display on enclosure signs, and in our education centre.

If students are left to find their own way around the park with new true agenda it can be difficult to focus on looking at the animals on display or getting distracted by other activities in the park. As such we have tried to reconnect them with the educational materials around the park. In an attempt to do this we have tried to include a variety of tasks which require the students to actively look at a number of signs in order to answer questions. Or in the instance of the first question instead of trying to force them in to reading every sign on the topics available, they are able to make their own decision as to which subject to focus on, and then to read the signs which are relevant to their interests.

We believe that children at this age do not like to be patronised and as such we have tried to word our questions in a way which treats them more like people who are there to be challenged and who can be trusted to read at a higher standard than at primary school. If they feel that they are still being treated like primary school students we fear that they may lose interest in the tasks which we have laid out for them, before they even get started with them.

*Many thanks*

*Wingham Wildlife Park*