

## **Home learning writing task**

To link with both our science topic (living things and their habitats) and our upcoming writing focus (non-chronological reports), your task is to select your favourite animal and create a short 1-page fact file about that animal.

Your fact file should include:

- A title
- Subtitles
- Images (drawn or printed and stuck on)
- Interesting facts
- An introduction

Look at my example to help you.

# The Kodiak Bear

- **Size:** Males can reach 10ft tall when rearing up and 5ft at the shoulder when on all fours
- **Weight:** Males can weigh up to 1500lb! Females are about 20% smaller and 30% lighter than males
- **Diet:** They are omnivores feeding off meat, vegetation, berries and during the spawning season, huge amounts of salmon.
- **Habitat:** They take their name from the Kodiak Island archipelago in Alaska, where their subspecies has remained isolated for 12,000 years!



Kodiak bears are a giant subspecies of the brown or grizzly bear (*Ursus arctos middendorffi*). These immensely powerful predatory omnivores are joint contenders for the world's largest terrestrial predators (polar bears are similar in size and mass). Despite their vast size and enormous strength, only one person has been killed by a Kodiak bear in the last 75 years.

## Super powered survivalists

Kodiak bears have the ability to hibernate for up to 8 months, a period of time in which the bears are essentially asleep. They do not eat, drink or defecate during this time. Yet, somehow, they emerge from this state having lost little bone or muscle mass! It would be like you or I going to sleep for over half a year, with no food or water and waking up just as strong as ever.

This incredible ability has caught the attention of scientists and doctors the world over.