

P7 Personal Project: Our Home, Our Planet Guidelines

Focus of this project:

Your project will be about the planet Earth. This amazing living planet is our only home but we are not the only ones who live here - we share our planet with an incredible diversity of life. Life on Earth began 541 million years ago, which means there has been an even greater diversity of life which came before us. So how has our planet changed throughout time? What has caused it to go through so many changes? How has nature adapted to Earth's changes? How have humans adapted to Earth's challenges? What impact have we as humans had on our planet? How can we ensure we look after our planet now and for the future?

From geology to wildlife; natural disasters to human ingenuity; prehistoric life to current environmental issues; there are no restrictions on what topics or issues you pick to write your project about. Whatever you choose, you should be able to share interesting details from your research, which will engage and inform your readers.

Time to complete this project:

7 weeks. Each week you will have time allocated for you to work on your personal project in class. Use this time wisely. You should be aiming to complete one or two focus points each week (See "Managing your Time").



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Format:

Your project should include interesting information and facts written in your own words. Use lots of illustrations throughout. If there are photographs you would like to include, we may be able to print a few at school.

Project Content:

Your project should follow this structure:



- **Front Cover:** Carefully designed to include a title, your name and interesting images.
- **Contents page:** Detail every section of your project and where to find it by chapter. Even though this is the first page you come to, it is best to work on it last, after everything else is in its final place.
- **Introduction:** What is your project about? Give a few clues about what we can look forward to reading about in your project.
- **Chapters 1-5:** Lead the reader through an interesting journey of the areas you have chosen to research.
- **Conclusion:** Here you should sum up the main points you have made throughout your project.
- **Bibliography:** List of books, websites or other published sources you may have used for your research.
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Managing your Time

Focus 1 - Decision time:

- Decide what you are going to write your project about (you may need to do a little research into a couple of options before you make your final decision).
- Plan what you want to focus each of your chapters on.

Focus 2 - Introduction

- Introduce us to what your project is about and why you have chosen this area of focus.
- Explain what we can look forward to learning about in the five chapters of your project.

Focus 3 - Research, plan and write chapter 1



Remember to include interesting details, facts and pictures in each chapter.

Focus 4 - Research, plan and write chapter 2

Focus 5 - Research, plan and write chapter 3

Focus 6 - Research, plan and write chapter 4

Focus 7 - (Optional extra chapter) Research, plan and write chapter 5

Focus 8 - Conclusion, Bibliography and Thanks

- In your **conclusion**, sum up (highlight) the main points you have made throughout your project.
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Focus 9 - Front Cover and Contents Page

- **Cover** - It is strange to work on a front cover when you are at the end of the project but this way you can include pictures and a title that give us interesting hints and clues as to what exciting information is contained in your project. Remember to feature your name as the author.
- **Contents**- Now your project is complete you can create your contents page. List the entire contents of each section of your project including the title of each chapter. Remember, the contents page is the first page after the cover.

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