**07/05/20 Orca Whales**

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When I was 12, I went on holiday to Canada with my family. We went on a whale watching trip and I saw wild orca whales! These are also known as killer whales. It was so exciting. I have loved orca whales ever since my trip, which is why I have decided to write my report on these amazing creatures.

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**How big are orca’s**

Orcas are the largest member of the Dolphin family. Males are larger than females and they often grow to between 5.8 and 6.7 metres in length. The largest male on record was 9.8 metres long – that’s longer than a bus!

**Where do orcas live?**

Orcas like to live in cold water and they are most commonly found in the waters of the Artic and the Antarctic. They travel very long distances in search of food so they can be very difficult to track! Orcas can also be found in the waters off British Columbia in Canada. This is where I spotted my orcas.

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**An Orca’s Diet**

Orcas are carnivores, which means that they are meat eating predators. They have a diet of fish, marine mammals (like seals) and birds. On average, orcas eat 227kilograms of fish every day (that’s heavier than a fully grown reindeer!) They even attack and eat other whales, like blue whales and sperm whales. Orcas are very intelligent animals and they often hunt their prey in groups. Groups of whales are known as ‘pods’.

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**How do orcas breathe?**

Whales are mammals, like humans, so they need air to breath. Like humans, orca whales have lungs, which they fill with air by breathing through a blow hole. You can find these on the top of an orca’s head!

In this report, I have highlighted some key facts about orca whales. I have discussed their enormous size, where they live, the food that they eat and how they breathe. I hope that you have enjoyed it and have learned something about these beautiful animals.

*My last paragraph brings all of the information together.*