

Dear pupils from Christchurch Infant School

We are delighted to invite your school to take part in a unique creative project with Marwell Zoo.

Imagine helping people experience animals not only through what they see, but through what they hear. This is your chance to bring the natural world to life in a completely new way.

Marwell Zoo is home to more than **140 incredible animal species**, each with its own fascinating story. We are inviting your school to take one of these amazing animals and transform its enclosure into an immersive world of sound.

Your Mission

Create an original **soundscape** for your allocated species—a musical journey that captures the sights, sounds, movements and atmosphere of its world.

Your allocated species is **Linne's Two-Toed Sloth**

To begin, become wildlife explorers. Research your animal and discover:

- Where does it live?
- How does it move?
- What does it eat?
- How does it communicate?
- What sounds might surround it in its natural habitat?
- What makes it unique?

As you investigate these questions, you will discover that nature isn't just something we look at, it's something we can experience with all our senses. Listening is one of the most powerful pathways to connecting with nature, helping us notice, imagine and appreciate the richness of the living world in new ways.

Working together with your teachers, use voices, instruments, everyday objects and technology to create a **soundscape** of your animal and its habitat. We would also love to see the creative journey behind your work, including artwork, graphic scores, animal fact files, sketches or anything else that helps tell the story of your soundscape.



Here is the Really Exciting Part...

Your school's soundscape and visual creations will be transformed into a professional video by the technical experts at Southampton and Isle of Wight Music.

The finished video will be linked to a **QR code displayed beside your allocated animal's enclosure at Marwell Zoo**. Visitors will be able to scan the code, listen to your soundscape and experience your creative interpretation while standing in front of the animal itself.

Imagine sharing your work with thousands of zoo visitors and returning on a school trip or with your family to hear your own creation bringing the enclosure to life!

This is an opportunity to combine science, music, art and imagination while helping others discover the wonder of wildlife through the power of sound.
We can't wait to hear where your creativity takes us.

Good luck, and enjoy the adventure!

Best wishes



Laura Read (CEO, Marwell Zoo)



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