



# Research using secondary sources

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Research is an important aspect of the science curriculum and helps children to become independent learners. They use a range of secondary sources (books, websites, articles, people, videos etc.) to gather evidence to answer questions. This is usually when it is impossible or impractical for pupils to find out answers with first hand enquiries in the classroom. They evaluate the reliability of information found.

**Research using secondary sources** could help you to answer questions like...

- How have some animals adapted to live in water?
- Which species of animals live in Africa and how do they compare to the animals native to the UK?
- How far away is the closest star?
- How have our ideas about the Solar System changed over time?
- Are microorganisms always harmful?
- What are microplastics and why are they harming the planet?

**What will you ask?**

**What will you find out?**

**How will you record your findings?**