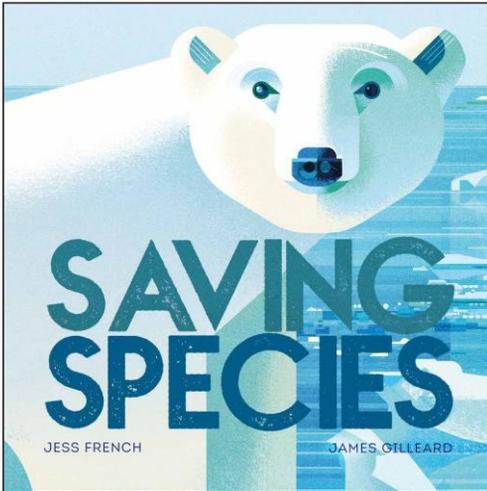


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Saving Species by Jess French

Tigers, orangutans, pangolins, polar bears, fin whales, bees ... there are so many incredible animals that need saving!

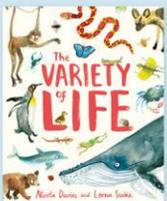
Join vet, conservationist and children's TV presenter Dr Jess French and take a trip around the world to meet 38 of the most extraordinary creatures on the planet, as well as the remarkable conservation efforts that are being undertaken to save them.

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Classroom ideas

- Make this a whole school text/project. Use the map at the beginning to select a continent for each class or year group. This could link to current geography learning. Classes can then adopt an endangered species, learning more about it, the threats against it and ways we can save the species.
- Plan a 'Save the Campaign. This is a great way to do some persuasive writing, with a real audience and purpose. This could take the form of a blog, posters, leaflets or videos. Children could organise a sponsored event to support the work of organisations working for their chosen species. Check out the Call to Action section on pages 60-61.
- Go crazy and creative about big cats. Read pages 10-11 and 16-17 to discover the Amur Leopard and the Tiger. Look closely at the patterns on their fur. Try out some tile printing to create repeated patterns, inspired by these majestic creatures.
- Celebrate World Wildlife Day on 3rd March 2019. <http://wildlifeday.org/> with this year's theme 'Life below water: for people and planet. Read about the Corals, Fin Whale, Vaquita, Green Turtle, Black Abalone, Great Hammerhead Shark and the Atlantic Bluefin Tuna.
- Practise retrieving facts from non-fiction texts with this book. For chosen animals, use this table to jot notes:

What makes this species special?	What threats do they face?	What hopes are there for the future?



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- Look closely at each creature and note which are vulnerable, endangered and critically endangered. Find out more about the IUCN Red List to discover what these categories mean.
- Celebrate British Science Week from 8-17th March 2019 <https://www.britishschoolweek.org/> with this year's theme 'Journeys'. Check out pages 56-57 to discover the importance of bees and the journey they take from plant to plant, in the process of pollination.. Link with *The Variety of Life* Bees pages, too.
- This is a great text to look at facts and opinions. Note the author voice in this text. We can hear Jess's opinion loudly, that she shows great care and respect for these creatures. Take a close look at the way she describes each creature.

Links with the cross-curricular lesson ideas:

Year 1 and 2:

Take a look at page 36 and learn about the Great Hammerhead Shark.

Year 3 and 4:

Take a look at pages 32-33 and learn about the Fin Whale and the Vaquita.

Year 5 and 6:

Look through the pages and search for creatures plastic pollution might affect.

