Learning objective:
To observe the features of a variety of animals.

You will need:
- Paper or your River Journal
- A pencil or marker pen to draw with
- A partner (if possible)

Instructions:

1. Choose one of the river animals from the list. Find out exactly what it looks like by going to this website: www.wildlifetrusts.org/wildlife-explorer and typing the name of the animal in the box OR search for images online.

2. Take it in turns to draw the animal - ONE BODY PART AT A TIME! For example, look at the shape of the body and sketch it. Then pass the sketch to your partner to draw the next body part. They might choose to add: head, tail gills, fins, legs, eyes, ears, feet, whiskers, beak, wings.

TIP: If you don’t have a partner, you can complete this on your own, still sketching ONE BODY PART at a time!

3. Keep passing the sketch between you and your partner drawing one body part at a time until the sketch is complete. Label each body part.

4. Write the name of the animal on the sketch. Repeat with another animal. Continue until you have one sketch of each type of animal: bird, mammal, insect and fish.

EXTRA: Photograph one of your sketches and ask an adult to post it on our Facebook group.

Animals:
- **Birds**
  - Kingfisher
  - Grey Heron

- **Insects**
  - Dragonfly
  - Damselfly

- **Mammals**
  - Otter (European)
  - Water Vole

- **Fish**
  - Eel (European)
  - Roach

Support
Use the Body Part Guide on the next page to help you choose what body parts to draw for each animal.

Challenge
Don’t just use online images to help you with your sketch. Research the animal’s appearance by reading websites and watching videos.
Body Part Guide

Use this body part guide to help you think of all the parts you could include for each animal.

**Birds**
- Kingfisher or Grey Heron
  - Body
  - Wings
  - Legs
  - Feet
  - Head
  - Beak
  - Eyes
  - Tail

**Insects**
- Damselfly or Dragonfly
  - Top body part (thorax)
  - Bottom body part (abdomen)
  - Head
  - Legs
  - Wings
  - Eyes

**Fish**
- Roach or Eel
  - Body
  - Fins
  - Gills
  - Tail
  - Eyes
  - Mouth

**Mammals**
- Otter or Water Vole
  - Body
  - Head
  - Ears
  - Eyes
  - Nose
  - Mouth
  - Tail
  - Feet