

**TEACHING LINKS FOR Invisible Nature**  
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## English

- Write a story about a mysterious sixth sense
- Choose two spreads from the book to read aloud
- Pick ten more challenging words for children to explain and spell

## Maths

- Spot and count the number of animals on each page
- Explore metric conversions using the Albatross's sense of smell
- Secure place value to 1000 using dog's sense of smell as an example

## Science

- Observe and investigate how a platypus uses its 'sixth' sense
- Identify, name, draw and label the basic parts of the human body and say which part of the body is associated with each sense

- Identify how living things live in habitats to which they are suited and find food, using examples from the book eg reindeer, bees.

## **History/Geography**

- Talk about how volcanoes and earthquakes are measured
- Identify the different parts of the world where each spread is located
- Compasses and magnetic fields

## **R.E./PSH**

- Discuss whether humans have a 'sixth sense': science versus belief.

## **Art/DT**

- Draw ultraviolet patterns on a butterfly wing
- Create a picture of the Big Bang
- Draw what you imagine you could see using an infrared camera in a wood at night

## **IT/Computing**

- Use the internet safely to research how whales and dolphins communicate
- Use Scratch to create a short animation about a dog following scents
- Use Desktop Publisher to produce a poster about how we use infrasound in our lives

## Music/Dance

- Create a secret dance celebrating mysterious sounds that humans cannot hear
- Create music inspired by the sound of elephants communicating long distances with their feet through the ground

## Other books by this author also published by OtterBarry Books

Red Alert: 15 animals fighting to survive (now out in paperback)

