

# Food Chains - Mammals

**Subject** – Science  
**Also linked to** – PSHE  
**Key Stage** – 2&3



## Pre activity - Food Diary - Mammals

### Objectives

- To understand the differences between what Otters and humans eat.
- To identify their own dietary patterns.

### Activity description:

Although Otters and humans are both Mammals; they have different tastes in food. Otters belong to the same family as Badgers, Polecats and Weasels and are all carnivorous.

Otters tend to eat one of three groups of things in the wild.

- Crustaceans (e.g. Crabs and Lobsters)
- Mammals (e.g. Mice)
- Fish

Make a diary of all the food you eat during the week before you visit Blue Planet Aquarium.

Think about the different things you eat and which ones appear to be your favourites. Remember to write down everything you eat (even the snacks and treats!)

Scroll down to the next page for a diary of the food that Rudi (one of our Asian Short Clawed Otters) ate in one week this year.

You may be surprised to find that our Otters get treats too!



# Pre activity - Food Diary - Mammals cont/d

Day	Morning Feed	Afternoon feed 1	Afternoon feed 2	Vitamins	Treats
Monday 12.11.07	3 mice	3 mice	Mince and carrots	1 multi vitamin	Monkey nuts
Tuesday 13.11.07	3 mice	3 mice	Mince and carrots	1 multi vitamin	Mealworms
Wednesday 14.11.07	3 mice	3 mice	Mince and carrots	1 multi vitamin	
Thursday 15.11.07	3 mice	3 mice	Mince and carrots	1 multi vitamin	Monkey nuts
Friday 16.11.07	3 mice	3 mice	Mince and apple	1 multi vitamin	Monkey nuts
Saturday 17.11.07	3 mice	3 mice	Mince and carrots	1 multi vitamin	
Sunday 18.11.07	1 Trout	1 Trout	Mince and carrots	1 multi vitamin	

Day	Breakfast	Lunch	Dinner	Snacks	Favourite
Monday					
Tuesday					
Wednesday					
Thursday					
Friday					
Saturday					
Sunday					

**How does what you eat compare to Rudi's diet?**

