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BLACK HARRIER (CIRCUS MAURUS)

LESSON PLAN 9: PRESENTING INFORMATION ABOUT THE BLACK HARRIER

INTERMEDIATE PHASE (GRADE 4-6)

SUBJECT LINKED: LINKED TO THE PREVIOUS BLACK HARRIER LESSON PLANS

Learning objectives:

By the completion of this lesson plan, learners should be able to:

- Demonstrate an understanding of the Black Harrier and its importance in the environment.
- Work collaboratively in groups to research and organise information.
- Think critically and creatively when presenting information.
- Communicate knowledge clearly through oral presentations and visual displays.

Background Information

This lesson serves as the conclusion of the Black Harrier learning programme. Learners will draw on the knowledge and skills developed throughout the previous eight lessons to create an informative group presentation.

Divide the class into eight groups, with each group focusing on a specific theme related to the Black Harrier. Learners will work together to design a poster that presents key facts, illustrations, and important information about their assigned topic. They may also conduct additional research to strengthen their understanding of the research topic.

Each group will present their poster to the class, allowing learners to share knowledge and learn from one another through shared learning. The completed posters can then be displayed around the classroom and/or the school's campus to raise awareness about the Black Harrier and celebrate the learners' work.

Group Theme/Topic

Assign one of the following themes to each group:

1. Introduction to and Identification of the Black Harrier
2. Black Harrier Identification continued (a more in-depth look)
3. Calculating the Black Harrier's Journey
4. Landscape Utilisation and Distribution of the Black Harrier
5. Life Cycle and Reproduction of the Black Harrier
6. Exploring the Life of the Black Harrier through Drama and Eco-Friendly Art
7. Migration and Survival of the Black Harrier
8. The Importance of the Black Harrier in Ecosystems

Activity Instructions

1. Divide learners into eight groups.
2. Allocate one theme/topic to each group.
3. Provide learners with supporting materials such as fact sheets, infographics, previous worksheets, and textbooks.
4. Allow groups time to discuss, research, and plan their posters.
5. Encourage learners to include:
 - Pictures and/or drawings;
 - Key facts and headings;
 - Maps, diagrams, and or graphs where relevant;
 - Creative and colourful designs;
6. Each group presents their poster to the class.
7. Display the posters around the school's campus to share awareness about the Black Harrier with the wider school community and fellow learners.

Resources Needed:

- Black Harrier fact sheets and infographics;
- Previous lesson activities and worksheets;
- Poster paper and/or cardboard;
- Markers, crayons, coloured pencils, glue, and scissors;
- Pictures and/or printed images of Black Harriers; and
- Access to additional research materials (books and/or internet if available).