



Year 4



Daisy Wilsher created a lovely drawing of a new London Landmark she designed!

### Should animals be kept in zoos?

In the UK, there are more than 400 zoos including London zoo which has 19,289 individual animals!!! There are many people that believe animals shouldn't be kept in zoos including charity's such as PETA, however some people also believe that animals should be kept in zoos.

It is believed by many that animals should not be kept for entertainment, as it is unfair on the animals to be laughed at whilst they are stranded behind thick, metal bars. In addition to this, zoo enclosures often do not recreate an animals natural habitat, therefore BORN FREE says that it could change an animals behavior and they could have medical problems.

On the other hand, the British and Irish association of zoos and aquariums believe that although the best place for animals is in the wild, zoos offer an environment for animals to breed and be looked after by zoo keepers who can help conserve them. Colchester zoo say that they care for endangered species to stop them from becoming extinct. Some zoos such as London zoo also use money they make to help research projects.

In conclusion from looking at both sides, I believe that animals should be kept in zoos, if they are injured, being hunted or endangered so they can keep them safe, even though I think the best place for them is in their natural habitat with their family.

Niamh Morris produced an excellent discussion text which had very interesting facts and arguments!