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- My favourite nature experience was a walk along the Pembrokeshire Coast National Path. One evening my family and I went to Druidstone beach, and I decided to walk north along the coastal path to see what Birds I could find, and headed up the steps from the beach, straight away, A male stonechat appeared on the fence, and started giving its unique call. I looked behind me and saw another three of them, all chat chatting away! Eventually I moved on and a huge group of gulls flew overhead, as well as a colony down the bottom of the cliff face. I stood and admired the beautiful view of the sun setting. Suddenly, something flew fast past the sun, swooping around, and then freezing in mid-air, I smiled, it was though I had pressed pause on it, it was literally frozen in mid-air! Then, it swooped incredibly fast around the corner of a cliff, of course, it was a peregrine! I carried on walking and another huge group of herring and lesser black-backed gulls flew overhead. As well as this a small bird flew up from the bracken and on to a big stone lodged into the ground. It stood for a while, and then flew away, my first ever wheatear! I just stood for a while and admired all the incredible wildlife that had just appeared in front of my eyes, as well as this I looked down the high cliff face, and really admired that this incredible nature was on my doorstep. As I kept on walking, large numbers of small tortoise shells, red admirals, and small and large white butterflies were swooping everywhere, one red admiral even tried to get on my head! I realised that I had made it to the next beach on the path and headed back to the beach we were at.
- I love nature because of the great feel when you finally see that species that you've been waiting to see, and the awesomeness when a different bird appears in your patch. Also, just standing on a cliff face with nature all around you makes me feel great.