



ZOO SCHOOL



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PREPARING FOR YOUR VISIT

Take advantage of our free teacher familiarisation visits. Come and have a look around and familiarise yourself with the animals and activities on site.

Using an Atlas, or Google Earth explore the size and location of Africa. Students can research into the number of countries and diversity of cultures found in the continent of Africa.

Learn about the difference between a country and a continent. Compare the size of Africa with other continents.

Learn the term 'habitat' and explore the different habitats that Africa has to offer including: the desert, the savannah and the rainforest.

DURING YOUR ZOO VISIT

Animal Talks

Attend one (or more) of our fascinating animal talks given by our expert zoo keepers. The talks are 15-20 minutes long and appropriate to all ages.

African Zoo Animals

Visit the following African animals: lions, zebras, rhinos, elephants, meerkats and the animals in the reptile house. Read our animal pen signs and accessible signs to learn more about the size, diet, habitats and characteristics of these animals.

Workshops

Book an 'Amazing Africa' workshop with our Education Team for a chance to learn lots of fascinating facts about African animals and their habitats. The workshop offers students the opportunity to get up close and meet some of Africa's smaller animals.

Contact the Education Team on: 01275 852606 for more details.

AFTER YOUR VISIT

Students conduct a case study on a specific African animal that they saw at the zoo. Students examine where this animal comes from and how it has adapted to its habitat. Children create a 'Zoo Keeper's Guide to Elephants' based on what they learnt from the elephant talk.

Students learn about endangered animals in Africa and explore some of the reasons that animals become extinct - this could lead to a piece of persuasive writing on the topic of poaching.

Students write a poem entitled 'The King of the Savannah', based on the lions that they saw at Noah's Ark Zoo Farm.

Students create African animal masks to use and wear in dance/drama lessons, considering how these animals move and the noises they make.

Children consider the different sounds African animals make as well as typical African music using drums and tambourines. Children could create their own rain sticks from cardboard rolls and dried rice/beans.