



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.

Students keep a food diary to see what they eat in an average week. They learn about the components of a healthy diet and why we need to eat well.

Students could research food and tools, comparing the texture of different foods and how easy they are to eat. Students could match specialist tools to specific foods.

Students learn about the difference between adult teeth and 'baby teeth'. They could bring in some of their baby teeth to look at their design. They could learn about oral hygiene and the importance of looking after your teeth.

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.

Animals

Of course, most of the animals at the zoo have teeth and all of them eat! However, it may be interesting to look at the following examples of each group of animals: carnivores (lions and crocodile), herbivores (rhinos and elephants), omnivores (bears and gibbons) and ruminants (cows and goats).

Workshops

Book a 'Jaws, Paws and Claws' workshop with our Education Team for a chance to learn lots of fascinating facts about animal diets. The workshop offers students the opportunity to get up close and meet some of our smaller animals and handle some animal artefacts.

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

AFTER YOUR VISIT

Show children pictures of animal teeth, match the teeth to the animal and discuss what the animal might eat. Is it a carnivore, herbivore or omnivore?

Using pictures of animals taken at the zoo, make a feeding collage or mobile that shows the animals and the type of food they eat.

Students prepare an animal pet guide which explores the diet of a particular exotic pet. For example, a snake or an iguana.

Students could make masks/models to illustrate different types of animals' teeth.

Students could create a leaflet/poster for families which explains the benefits of a balanced diet and promotes healthy eating.