



# ZOO SCHOOL

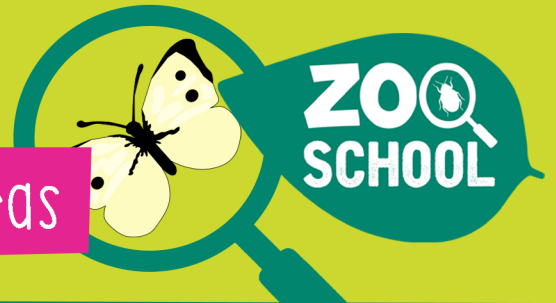


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### PREPARING FOR YOUR VISIT

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 can be introduced to the topic of lifecycles through exploring the world of plants. Each student in the class could germinate a seed, providing it with water and light, and then watch it grow either in the classroom or at home.

Students could learn about human gestation and birth. They could make a scrap book of photos documenting their lifecycle so far.

### 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**

There are usually some baby animals to be seen in the Animal Village and/or the Farm Barn.

#### **Workshops**

Book a 'Love Life!' workshop with our Education Team for a chance to learn lots of fascinating facts about how animals grow and change over their lifetime. 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

Students can blow a hen egg and use this as part of a display on the lifecycle of the chicken. They can get creative and use synthetic feathers and pipe cleaners to create chicks and chickens!

Make a flow chart, comparing two different animals' lifecycles. These could be used to make a display for a classroom wall.

Students have a number of animal pictures, who has the shortest and who has the longest lifecycle? Students could do simple maths to work out the difference between the length of different species lifespans.

Students research snakes and their lifecycles and complete a piece of descriptive writing about the differences between egg-laying and live-bearing species.

Use the topic of egg laying as a foundation for teaching multiplication. Could use chocolate mini eggs.

Make a comic book strip to show the lifecycle of a butterfly.