



Home Learning & Development Opportunities



Class

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topic

All beasts and creatures

Cognition & Learning

Look at different animals in books/TV. Discuss what type of animal they are—are they reptiles, birds, fish or mammals. Can they describe different animals - what do they look like? Do they have fur/skin? How many legs do they have? Where would you see them?

Can they listen to animal sounds and guess the right animal - use google or you tube.

Discuss stories around animals - The Gruffalo, The tiger who came to tea, Where the wild things are.

Number rhymes with animals in them

5 little ducks

5 speckled frogs

One two three four five once I caught a fish alive.

5 little Monkeys jumping on the bed.

Mark making activities. Draw a rabbit or find a picture of a rabbit on one side of the page and draw a carrot on the other side, can they draw a straight line to connect them together. Repeat this with horizontal lines and wavy lines. You could use a mouse and some cheese and a monkey and a banana etc.

Can they draw a picture of their favourite animal?

Phonics

Can they say the initial letter sound of different animals.

Can they begin to spell easy animals such as hen dog cat frog?

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Communication & Interaction

Can they guess the animal? Adult to describe the animal and see if they can guess what you are describing and then swap over so they describe the animal.

Animal face masks—use the face masks to make different animal noises .

Face painting different animals .

Reading stories together.

Social, Emotional & Mental Health

Listening to different animal songs from the lion king, Jungle book, Dumbo.—Talk about how they make them feel. Do they make them feel sad, happy, excited, scared etc.

Thrive: These activities are relaxing videos which promote health and wellbeing <https://www.thriveapproach.com/mindfulness-activities-thrive/>

When reading stories, talk about the different animals discuss their feelings in the stories.

Physical & Sensory Development

Animal Bodies

Move around like different animals fast and slow or create different shapes with body, such as extending body stretching high to become a giraffe or on all fours to be an elephant. Take part in a rumble in the jungle story massage to encourage body awareness. Available at: <http://www.sunningdaleschool.com/downloadable/ha2/waw3%20where%20are%20we%203>.

Look on you tube for “Jungle kids yoga” - children can copy the animals moving on the screen using different body parts.

