

This week we would have loved to take you on a trip. As this is not possible, we would like you to take your family or teddies on an imaginary trip to the zoo.

First – You need to do some research to inform the zoo visitors

<p>Investigate some animal facts (activities zoo animals -powerpoint)) Or https://kids.sandiegozoo.org/index.php/animals to read lots of interesting online facts Watch https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zx882hv/articles/z3c2xnb to learn about animal food chains.</p> <p>Can you make some fact cards or posters to show the zoo visitors? What does the animal eat?</p>	<p><u>Oxford Owl Reading for Information</u> Help your child to explore the book ‘When animals invade’ at https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/api/digital_books/1467.html and answer the questions which accompany it in the activities section. If you enjoyed learning about food chains you could read https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/api/interactives/12967.html (a more advanced read)</p>
<p>We need to have some souvenirs to buy from the gift shop. Decorate face masks (activities – face masks) Or If feeling creative https://kids.sandiegozoo.org/activities has loads of fab ideas.</p>	<p>Make a poster to let visitors know the rules at the zoo Eg. Stay with an adult, don’t feed animals, don’t climb fences. Remember posters have big bold writing.</p>

Then - We need to plan the trip

<p>You will need to make and (pretend to) buy the tickets.</p> <p>How much will it cost your family? Bus = £1 each Zoo entrance adult = £3 child = £2</p>	<p>Plan your visit around the zoo You don’t want to miss the animals at feeding times: (activities – feeding times)</p>	<p>Can you help to make the pack lunch by spreading the filling on your sandwiches and choosing some healthy snacks (Food Technology + Health and Wellbeing)</p>	<p>What songs can you sing on the (pretend) bus? Can you move furniture to create a pretend bus?</p>
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Have fun!

<p>http://resources.hwb.wales.gov.uk/VTC/the_zoo/eng/Introduction/default.htm (using internet explorer as this uses Adobe Flash) – activities to sort animals by category and them by size.</p>	<p>Look at the map of the zoo can you use coordinates to help your family to find the animals. (see activities) Always go along the letters then up the numbers.</p>
<p>On a trip to the zoo you can never guarantee what animals will be hiding. Use the animal spotting record to record what you can see. (activities – Animal spotting) Here are some good web cams: https://www.edinburghzoo.org.uk/webcams/panda-cam/ - best to tune in around 8:30 to catch the koalas having breakfast, soon after that they will sleep all day. The penguins are entertaining all day. https://kids.sandiegozoo.org/videos good cameras and also has great videos. And fun games. https://explore.org/livecams/african-wildlife/naledi-cat-eye - I like this as you can see all 6 webcams to see what animals are at the water holes.</p>	<p>Play Zoo charades Can you move like an animal for your family to guess.</p> <p>Play I went to visit the zoo and I saw... memory game as you build up a list of animals to be remembered.</p>

Between these activities and sports week activities you may also try keep practising: Jolly phonics sounds, tricky common words and Paths resources.