

## Understanding the World

The animals we find in zoos come from all over the world. Many zoos work with groups like the World Wildlife Trust to help animals in the wild. Check out the webcam link in the useful website box that will take you to Edinburgh Zoo.

Do you know where the following animals come from and what they look like? – can you work with your family to find out? **Tiger, Lion, Panda, Koala**

On your next walk outdoors have a search for mini beasts.

## Mathematics

Have a go at the Dear Zoo matching pairs game – link in the useful websites box

Do you have animal toys? Can you make groups of toys and count the groups? Can you add one more? Or take one away? How many have you now?

I have included a counting sheet; How Many? have a go at counting each animal.

## Literacy

Listen to Dear Zoo by Rod Campbell.

Write your own letter to the zoo. I have included a template but you can make your own. What animal would you ask for?

*Grown-ups: we are not expecting words and sentences. This is a valuable exercise which allows the children to start giving meaning to the marks they make.*

*Some letters may be clearly identifiable many may not, that's absolutely fine. Encourage your child to read you the letter they write once they are finished.*

## Expressive Art and Design

Listen to Carnival of the Animals by Camille Saint-Saëns (click on the link). Each piece of music represents a different animal – can you guess the animal? Do you agree with the composer or do you think it sounds like a different animal?

<https://youtu.be/1L993HNaa8M>

Draw a picture of a magnificent animal. I have included some pictures of animals created by famous artists. Can you spot the tiger hiding in the grass? Can you see Matisse's Snail? Perhaps these paintings will help you design your animal art.

## Nursery Home Activities

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Dear Zoo

### Communication and Language

Watch this video on YouTube all about lions then tell your family what you have learned. Just like show and tell but this is watch and tell.

[https://youtu.be/qnaXJf\\_yaj8](https://youtu.be/qnaXJf_yaj8)

## Moving

Listen to carnival of the animals and crawl like an elephant, flap your wings like a bird, stand tall like a giraffe and stretch..... what other animals could you be?

### Useful Websites

Rod Campbell reading the Dear Zoo

<https://youtu.be/rudDGRQ9QGA>

Edinburgh Zoo webcam

<https://www.edinburghzoo.org.uk/webcams/panda-cam/>

Dear Zoo matching pairs game:

<http://www.dearzooandfriends.com/games>