



Primary Sessions 2023

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Free Mini-Sessions at an Enclosure

We now meet most groups at an enclosure for a 20 minute 'mini-session' – this format complements classroom learning back at school, directly linking to your classroom topic, using our live animals and natural exhibits to illustrate key points. This fits well into the day, and the informal nature of these sessions encourages pupil observation and participation.

What is involved in an enclosure meet?

We will meet your class at an enclosure for 20 minutes. We will introduce the animals that can be seen on the day, and tell pupils a little about them. If we know your class topic, we can explain relevant aspects, using our wild species as examples. We will bring along props and artefacts to help illustrate key points and enhance pupil understanding.

Location

We use certain enclosures when meeting groups, as these offer large gathering spaces and a reliable chance of a good viewing opportunity. We select these to be as appropriate to the topic as possible. Our favourites are: African savannah and penguins – but we can use other sites around the zoo.

We are happy to try and meet at a certain enclosure if requested, dependent on other groups visiting on the day, and weather.

Curriculum Links

We deliver sessions that link your classroom curriculum teaching to the experiences that your pupils are soaking up during their whole day here at the zoo. We will try to use the appropriate terminology and cover key points for curriculum learning, to ensure that these connections between classroom and zoo learning are clear.

A good example would be meeting an upper-KS2 class at our penguin exhibit: when they are swimming underwater, pupils can see the penguins' torpedo-like form in operation, and appreciate how counter-shading helps them 'disappear' – all whilst our penguins continue to feed in the background.



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