

WILD EXPLORERS



**Marwell
Wildlife**

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A short guide with ideas and suggestions for a visit to Wild Explorers.

Wild Explorers is a mixed species exhibit for white rhinos, Grevy's zebra and scimitar horned oryx.



This exhibit includes spaces both inside and outside where small groups can gather. There are indoor viewing windows, observation walkways and access to view the paddock, so you will usually be able to see the animals wherever their location.

	Prime areas of learning			Specific areas of learning			
Theme	Communication and language	Personal, social, and emotional	Physical development	Literacy	Maths	Understanding the world	Expressive arts and design
Sunset	1					14	
Truck	1	6&8				13&14	17
Footprints					11&12		
Playground			4				

Imagine...



...that you are watching an African sunset.

- What animals might you see?
- Some animals might be settling down to sleep but some might just be getting up! (introduce the word nocturnal)

Imagine...



...that you are going for a trip in the truck - where would you go?

- What would you need to pack for the journey?
- What would you see?
- Have the children ever been on any long journeys? On holiday? Coming to live in UK?

Look for...



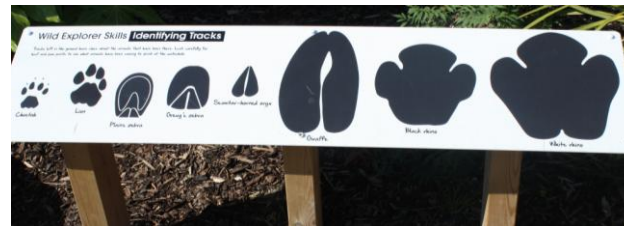
...footprints.

Can you find a footprint that is the same size as your hand? Can you find one which is bigger and one which is smaller?

How many of each kind of footprint can you find?
Where? – On the left wall just inside entrance to indoor area.

Or work out who has left a footprint in the 'mud'?

Where? – follow the boardwalk; the footprints are just before the truck.



Look for...
Rhino who's who

Can you work out which rhino is which by looking at the shape of their horns?



Kiri



Sula



Jabari

In the playground...



...be careful– there is a crocodile lurking under a bridge – can you find him? Can you find a lion with his cub?

Can you find another crocodile in the zoo?
(Wooden sculpture by walk through aviary)



Can you find another lion in the zoo?
(Small stone lion by the top path on the back lawn)



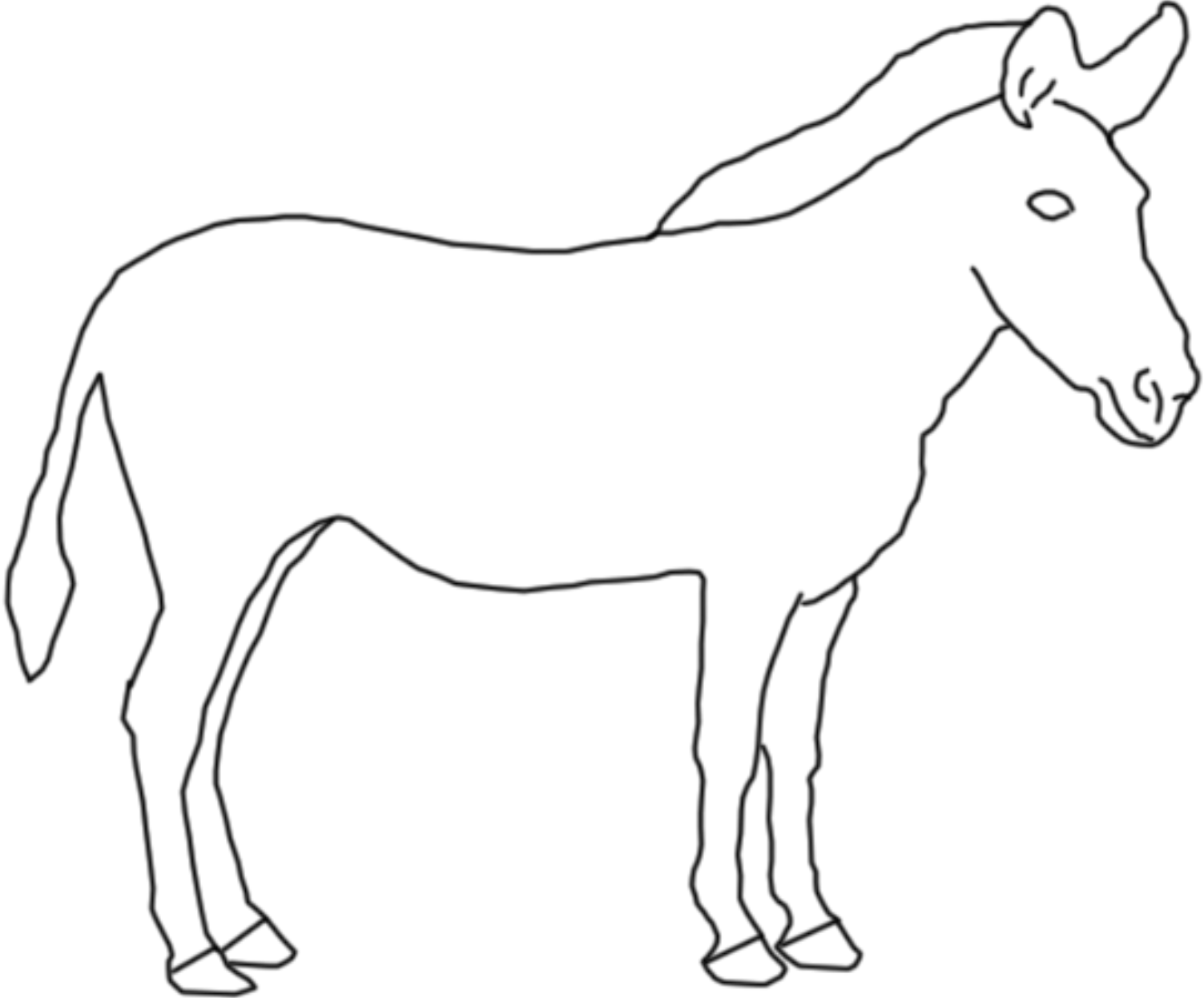


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Back at school

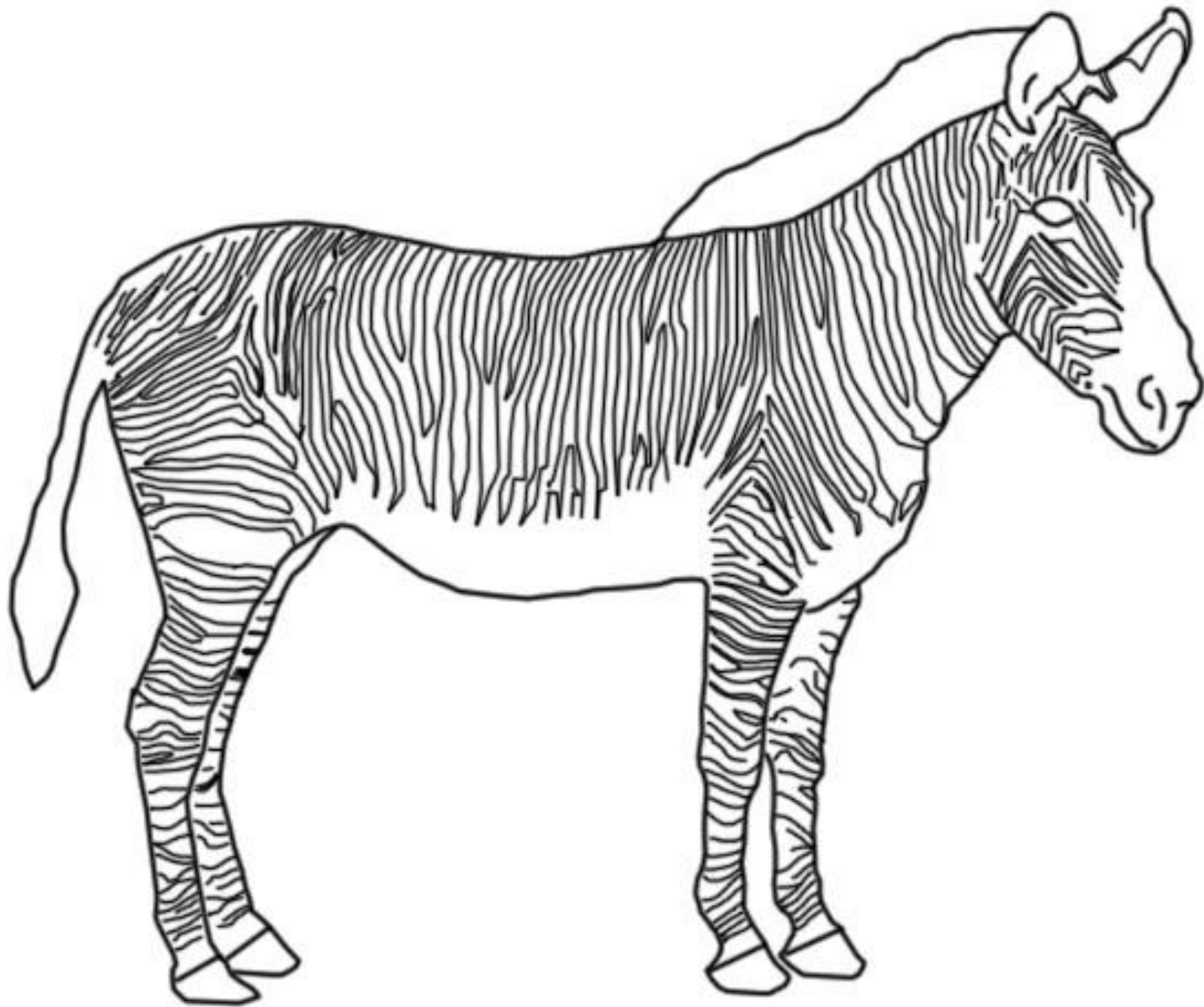


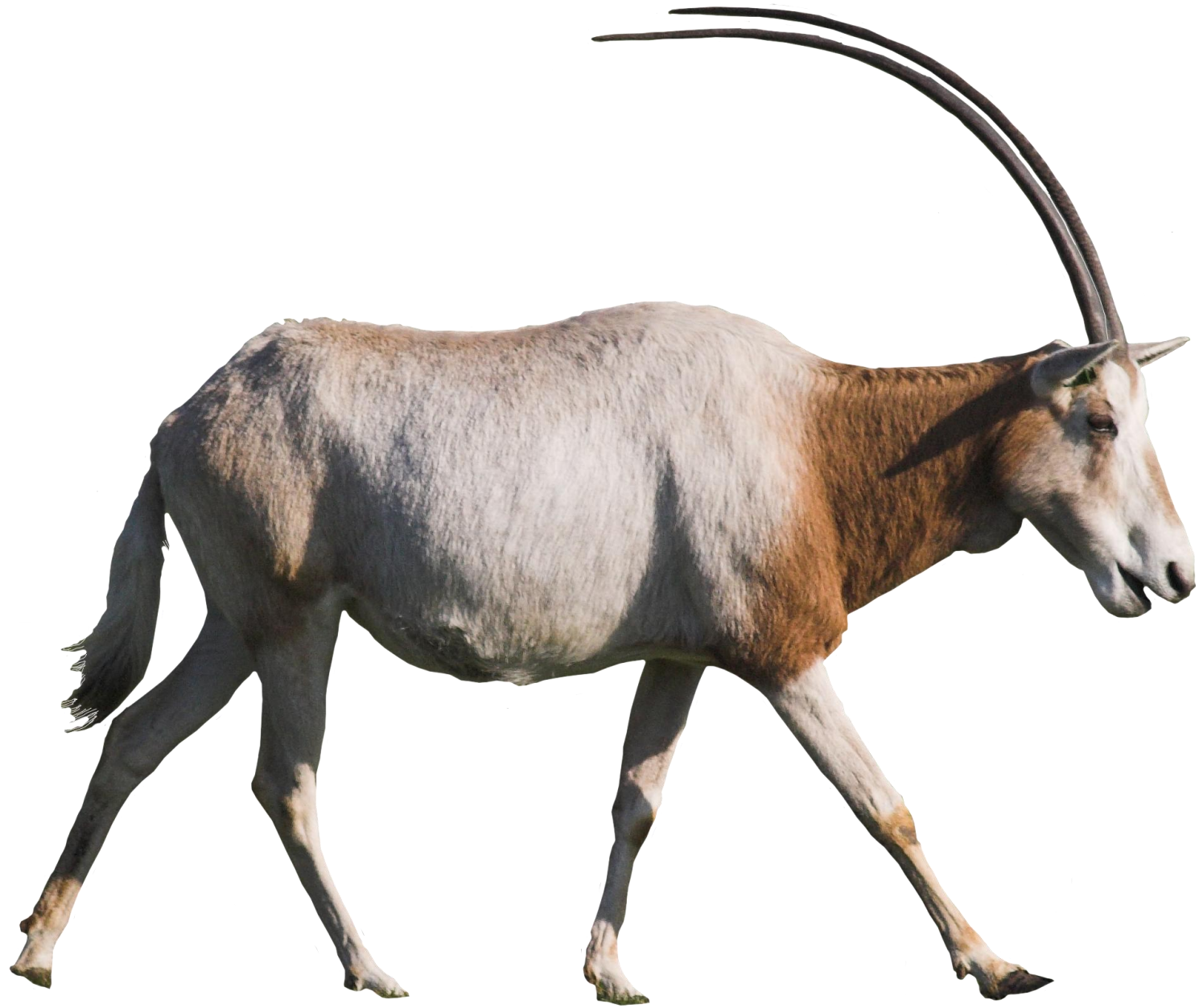
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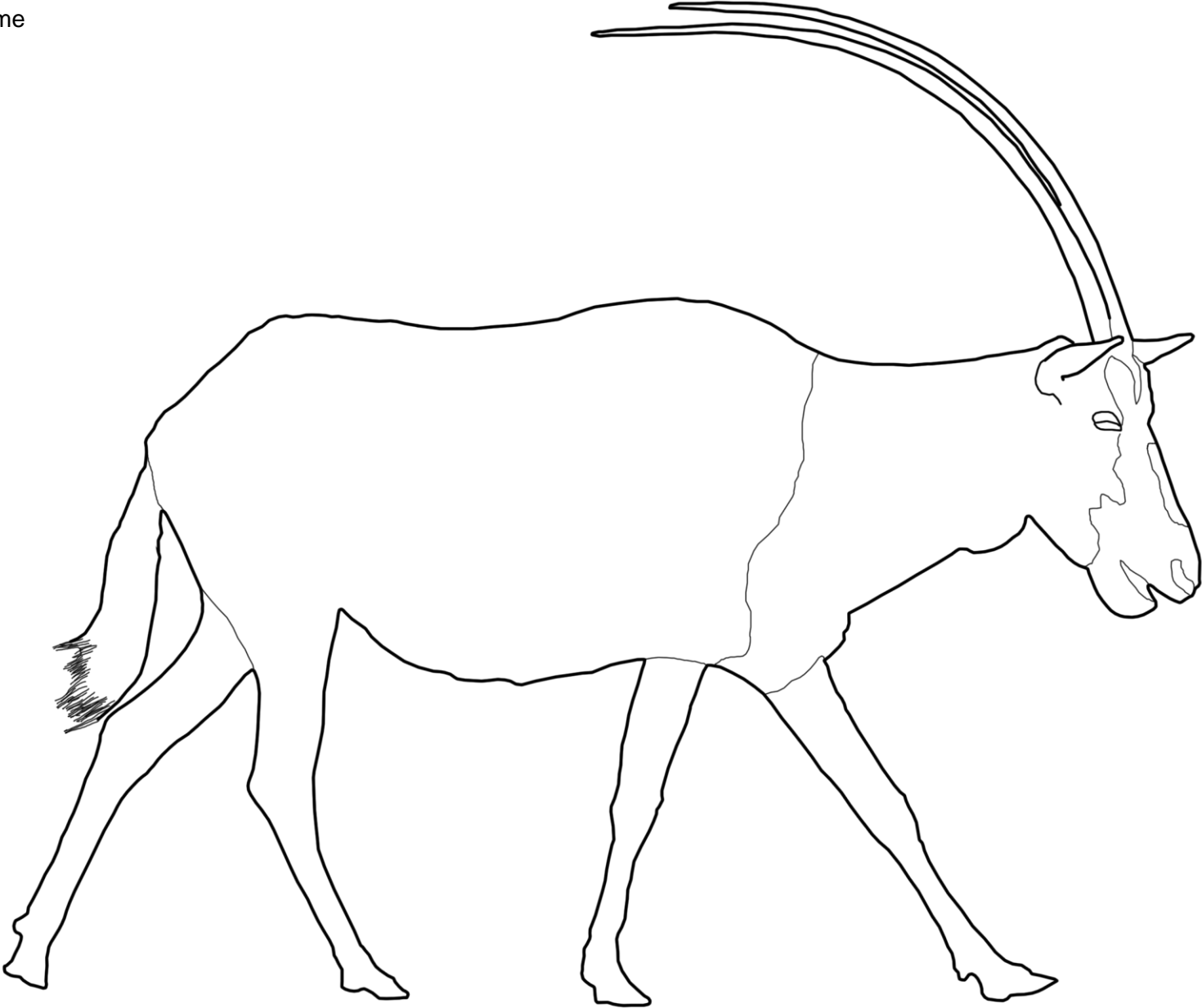


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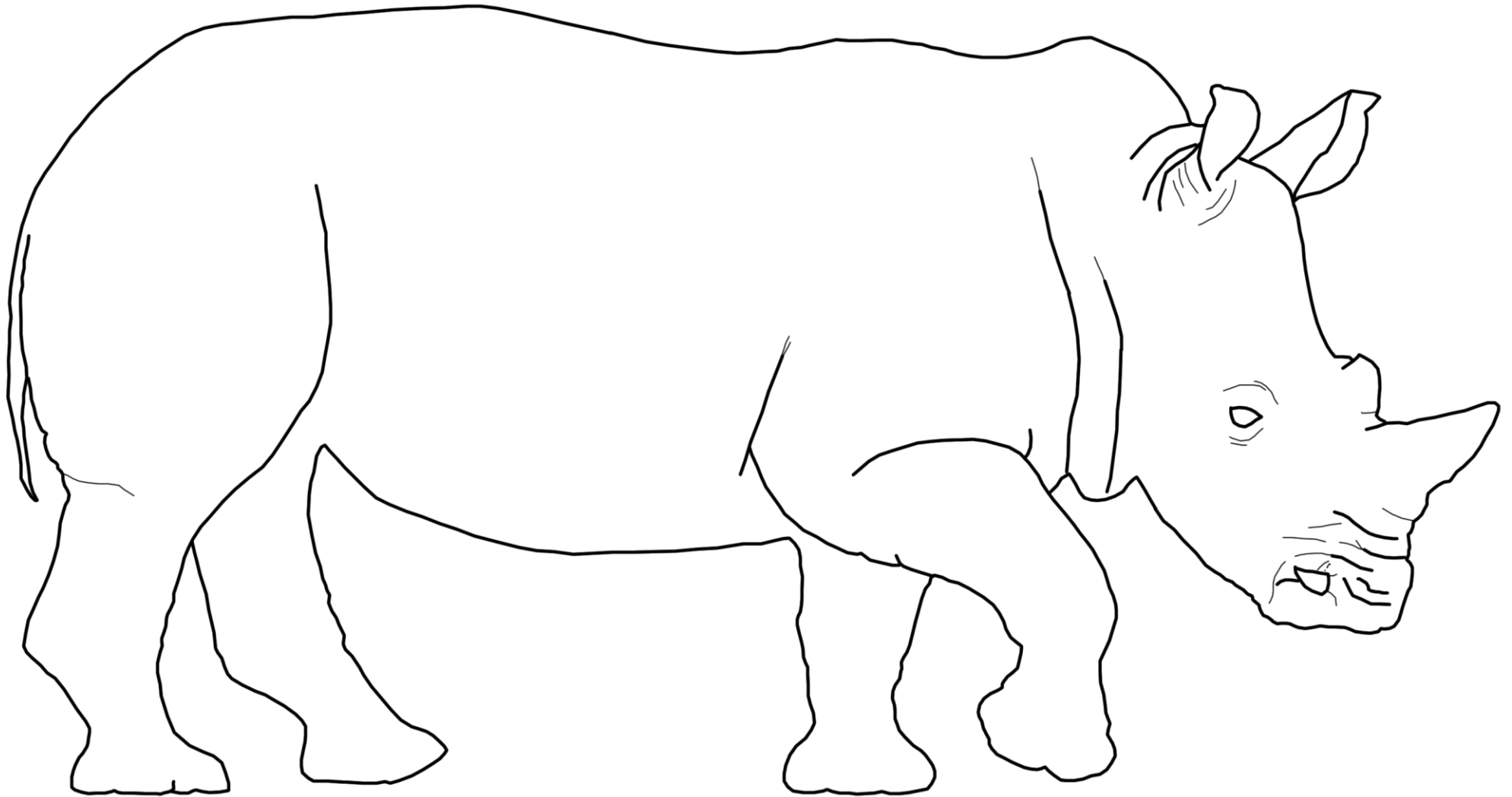


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Teachers' notes

Rhino's horns grow continuously and so our rhinos sometimes need theirs trimmed.



Kiri has had her lower horn trimmed so as not to cause problems when she is grazing



Sula needed both horns trimmed as the upper horn was growing onto the lower one



Grevy's are the largest of the zebra species. They are recognisable by their narrow stripes and big 'Mickey Mouse' ears



Find out more about the plans for scimitar-horned oryx being reintroduced to the wild
<https://www.marwell.org.uk/conservation/news/27/marwell-oryx-begin-path-to-ambitious-reintroduction>