



KS1 African Explorers

This resource is designed to promote and support children's enthusiasm for discovering Africa and its wildlife for the first time. The starter activity 'Getting ready to go' is aimed at thinking about some of the different habitats there are in Africa, and the different conditions there. The next two activities are for a visit to Marwell Zoo, where the children look out for African animals and complete a fact file on three of their favourites. The final activity, 'Explorer's journal', is designed to help children record their day at Marwell and should be completed back at school. A map of African animals at Marwell has also been included.

Curriculum Links

SCIENCE

Working scientifically

- gathering and recording data to help in answering questions

Year 1 Animals, including humans

- identify and name a variety of common animals including fish, amphibians, reptiles, birds and mammals

Year 2 Living things and their habitats

- identify that most living things live in habitats to which they are suited and describe how different habitats provide for the basic needs of different kinds of animals and plants, and how they depend on each other
- identify and name a variety of plants and animals in their habitats, including micro-habitats

GEOGRAPHY

Human and physical geography

ART AND DESIGN

Getting Ready to Go

Africa is full of lots of different **habitats**.

A habitat is the type of place where an animal lives.

Draw lines to match each habitat to the things you might need if you were going there. Some items might be useful for more than one habitat!



Mountains



Desert



Grassland

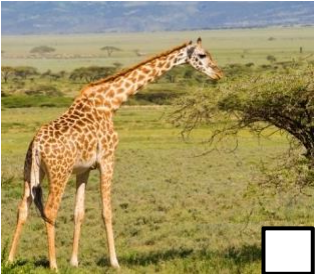


Rainforest

African Animal Spotter's Guide



On your journey around Marwell, be on the lookout for animals that come from Africa. You can see some of them in the pictures below. Keep track of which ones you've found by ticking them off as you go along.



Giraffe



Pygmy hippo



Zebra



Ostrich



Yellow mongoose



Scimitar-horned oryx



White rhino



Serval



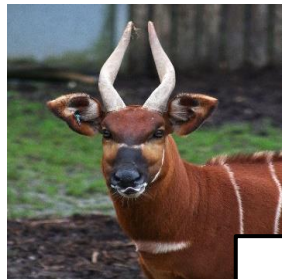
Roan Antelope



Meerkat



Okapi



Bongo



Red River Hog



Dorcas Gazelle



Egyptian tortoise



African Explorer's Logbook 1

Every good explorer keeps a logbook of all the amazing new animals they discover. Choose 3 of your favourite African animals you have seen at Marwell and fill in as much information as you can on the 3 logbook pages!

Animal's name: _____

**Draw what its
footprint would
look like here:**

What does it like to eat?



MEAT

or



PLANTS

**Colour in the parts of
Africa where it is found:**

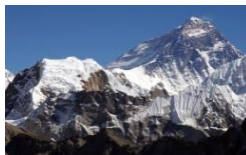


**Draw any interesting patterns
it has here:**

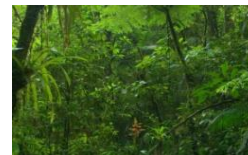
Which habitat can you find it in?



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African Explorer's Logbook 2

Animal's name: _____

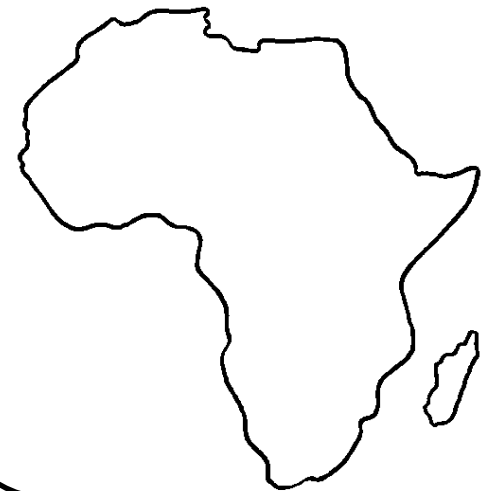
Draw what its footprint would look like here:

What does it like to eat?



MEAT or PLANTS

Colour in the parts of Africa where it is found:

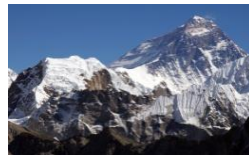


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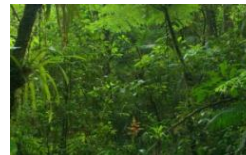
Which habitat can you find it in?



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African Explorer's Logbook 3

Animal's name: _____

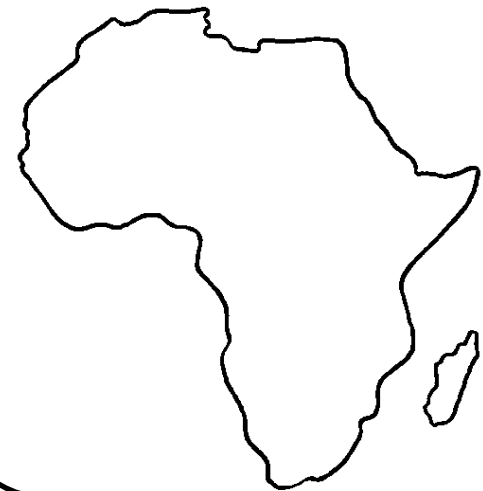
Draw what its footprint would look like here:

What does it like to eat?



MEAT or PLANTS

Colour in the parts of Africa where it is found:

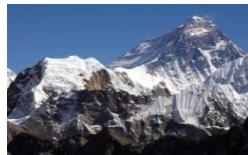


Draw any interesting patterns it has here:

Which habitat can you find it in?



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Explorers always write about their travels when they get home.
When you get back to school, complete the sentences below to make your very own explorer's journal!

My African adventure at Marwell Zoo

We went to Marwell in...

spring **summer** **autumn** **winter**



The weather was...

sunny **cloudy** **rainy** **windy** **snowy**



The journey was... **long** **short** **fun** **boring** **exciting** _____

My favourite African animal was: (DRAW PICTURE)

At the end of the day I felt: **happy** **sleepy** **hungry** **excited** _____

African animals at Marwell Zoo

1. Serval
2. Giraffe
3. Roan Antelope
4. Bongo
5. Scimitar horned oryx
6. Grevy's zebra
7. Southern white rhino
8. Meerkat
9. Dorcus Gazelle
10. Yellow mongoose
11. Ostrich
12. Okapi
13. Egyptian tortoise
14. Pygmy Hippo
15. Red River Hog

