



# ZOO SCHOOL



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### PREPARING FOR YOUR VISIT

Take advantage of our free teacher familiarisation visits. Come and have a look around and familiarise yourself with the animals and activities on site.

Learn the term 'conservation' and explore the different reasons that animals become extinct.

Students visit the IUCN Red List webpage and make a fact file about a critically endangered animal.

Explore some of England's natural habitats such as a pond or field to investigate which animals live there and why the animals/habitats may be facing problems.

### DURING YOUR ZOO VISIT

#### **Animal Talks**

Attend one (or more) of our fascinating animal talks given by our expert zoo keepers. The talks are 15-20 minutes long and appropriate to all ages.

#### **Animals**

Visit some of our endangered animals such as our elephants, gibbons, lemurs, bears, camels and vultures to learn more about them. As you go around the site read the pen signs to discover which animals are facing problems in the wild.

#### **Workshops**

Book a 'Save our Species' workshop with our Education Team for a chance to learn lots of fascinating facts about endangered animals and conservation. The workshop offers students the opportunity to get up close and meet some of our smaller animals and to explore some animal artefacts too.

**Contact the Education Team on: 01275 852606 for more details.**

### AFTER YOUR VISIT

Design a poster educating people about the dangers facing animals and their environment.

Students research what we can do to help endangered animals. How about making a classroom pledge?

Students could conduct a case study on a specific endangered animal that they saw at the zoo. Students examine where this animal comes from and what threats it faces in the wild.

Learn about how some animals' homes are being destroyed through deforestation. Look at specific examples of habitat loss and its effect on native species. This could lead to students writing a persuasive speech.

Students could download the Giki app to become more informed about the impact of the supermarket products that they have at home.

Students learn about the importance of the rainforest and use this habitat as inspiration for a poem.