

## CHILDREN CAN ENJOY AND ACHIEVE IN A FANTASTIC DAY OUT AT THE ANIMAL ARK.

- ❖ A visit will enhance and enrich children's learning in a safe and stimulating environment.
- ❖ See examples below of how a day trip to the Animal Ark can help teachers address many aspects of the curriculum by giving children a first hand fun experience. Give them a day out that they will remember forever.
- ❖ Show Ofsted how you provide opportunities for children to learn from first hand experience outside the classroom. Stimulate their imagination!

Area of learning from the National Curriculum.	Ideas for activities ▶ 1	▶ 2	▶ 3	▶ 4
<p><b>Communication, language and literacy.</b></p> <p><b>The Ark provides many opportunities for children to practise their literacy skills.</b></p>	<p>Children can practice their IT skills by checking out our website on:</p> <p><a href="http://www.theanimalark.org">www.theanimalark.org</a></p> <p>There are many links about animals, pets, conservation etc.</p>	<p>They can write to us at:</p> <p>The Animal Ark Fakenham Road Gt Witchingham Norfolk NR9 5QS</p> <p>Or they can <b>Email:</b> <a href="mailto:info@theanimalark.org">info@theanimalark.org</a></p> <p>They can ask us questions about our animals and we will reply.</p>	<p>During the visit they can listen to a talk about our animals. They can ask questions. Older children can take notes and write these up as a report when they return to school. We would love to feature some of their reports on our website.</p>	<p><b>Pets Pavillion:</b></p> <p>They can help to feed the pets and learn how to look after them. When they return to school they can write a description of "How to look after a pet". Use the "Pet care" sheets on our website to help.</p>
<p><b>Health and Physical Education.</b></p> <p><b>Children can enjoy the weekly requirement of physical activity (at least 2 hours) in just one day at the Animal Ark in our 20 acre grounds.</b></p>	<p>There's lots of outdoor play with something for all ages including a 50 metre zip wire. There's climbing, riding, racing, swinging, sliding and gliding! They can learn to manage risk in safe surroundings.</p>	<p>Use our new indoor play area, right next to the cafe. They can enjoy the soft play, toys, games and ride ons. There's a football table and games for the bigger kids too.</p>	<p>They can plan a healthy packed lunch and make their own sandwiches to enjoy on our picnic tables or in our cafe. They can enjoy refreshments in our café too of course.</p>	<p><b>Climbing Wall</b></p> <p>They can test their nerve and skills on the large wooden tower. There's 3 platform heights, a scramble net a slide and a climbing wall. Who'll be first over the top?</p> <p>Or they can enjoy a game of football, cricket or rounders in our extensive grounds.</p>

<p><b>Science.</b></p> <p><b>Investigative skills</b></p> <p><b>They can ask 'How?', 'Why?', 'What and can find answers through first-hand experience and simple information sources to answer questions. They can record their observations.</b></p> <p>Use our website and links to others to find out.</p>	<p>We invite you to view our private collection of animals. These include otters, raccoon, emu, owls, giant tortoise and European Lynx. Learn about conservation and similarities and differences between groups of animals.</p>	<p>Bugs Galore! Go on a Minibeast Secret Safari to find tracks, trails and little clues about the wild animals and insects. Enter the Bug Treasure Hunt for the chance to win prizes. Have a fun day with Creepy Crawly Keeper talks and Minibeast workshop.</p>	<p>Make simple comparisons and classify animals, for example: Animals with fur, feathers, that lay eggs, give birth to babies etc.</p>	<p>Learn about life cycles and the food cycle. As well as our own animals our park is teeming with wildlife. Can you draw a life cycle to include creatures you have spotted in the park?</p>
<p><b>Numeracy Skills.</b></p> <p><b>Help them practise their skills in real life scenarios.</b></p>	<p>Imagine you have £5 to spend on your lunch in our lovely Noah's coffee bar. What would you like to buy and how much change would you have?</p> <p>(Café menu available in advance.)</p>	<p><b>Feeding Time</b></p> <p>We sell special pellets to feed the goats and the pigs for only 50p a bag. If you fed 6 goats and 3 pigs one bag each how much would it cost?</p> <p>How much change would you have from £10?</p>	<p><b>Souvenirs</b></p> <p>A gift is the perfect way to remember a great day out. Visit our gift shop with £5 to spend on yourself and your family. Calculate what you can afford to buy. Find stacks of toys, games and gift ideas.</p>	<p>Plan an end of term <b>party</b> at the Animal Ark for your class! The cost is £8.50 per child and accompanying adults will be charged at the group rate of £4.75 per person. One adult will go free with every group of 6 children. Party goody bags are an additional cost of £1 per head.</p> <p>How much would it cost to bring your class?</p>
<p><b>PSHCE</b></p> <p><b>Personal, Social, Health</b></p>	<p><b>Cuddle Time</b></p>	<p><b>Animal Adoptions</b></p> <p>An Animal Adoption</p>	<p>Design a poster or</p>	<p>Lobby your MP at: <a href="http://www.giveanimalsavoice">www.giveanimalsavoice</a></p>

<p><b>and Citizenship Education,</b></p>	<p>Learn to be kind to animals and how to look after them. We've rabbits, guinea pigs, rats, chinchillas, mice, gerbils, ferrets, cockatiels and budgies. Jack the giant bunny, Coco and Fizz the dwarf lops and Tiny Tim the miniature rabbit who are all looking forward to a stroke or a cuddle.</p>	<p>includes food and vets fees. From as little as £15 your school can help us take care of the animals. You'll receive a colour photograph of your adopted animal, adoption certificate, regular updates on news and events and an opportunity to visit the centre and see your chosen animal.</p>	<p>leaflet on how to look after a pet and the benefits of keeping a pet. Visit <a href="http://www.petnet.com.au/power/benefits.html">www.petnet.com.au/power/benefits.html</a> to help you.</p>	<p><a href="http://www.petnet.com.au/power/benefits.html">.org.uk</a> to stop animal experimentation like Joanna did below. "I think that the people that actually harm the poor animals have a choice. They can do it, but they don't have to. Every human has a choice so why can't the animals have it too, this is not acceptable ... " Or perhaps you feel it is necessary and can give the counter argument for animal experiments.</p>
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These are just a few examples of how to plan a successful visit to the Animal Ark. If you would like to know more or would like us to help you plan a fun and educational visit for your class to the Animal Ark please do get in touch.