

Essential Information

- The Education Centre building is easily accessible for buggies and wheelchairs.
- Risk assessments. Although it is your responsibility to carry out a risk assessment for your visit we can provide you with Paignton Zoo guidelines to assist you.
- There are toilets including disabled and baby changing facilities, located on the lower level of the Education Centre, next to Jungle Fun.
- We have a lunch room available for you to eat your picnic. This needs to be booked through the Education Centre. There are also several picnic spots around the Zoo including a large undercover seating area.

Become an Education Member

We offer a fantastic package to nurseries, playgroups and primary schools who become education members.

Membership includes:

- Free admission to the Zoo for the whole year. (Booked in advance)
- Four free teaching sessions a year. (Additional sessions £1.00 per child)
- Free Zoo passes for teachers on preparatory visits.

Prices start at £272 for settings up to 75 children on roll.

Education Day Rates

£6.80 per child over 3.
Under 3s free. - Just £1.00 for session.
1 free adult per 2 paying children.
Extra adults £8.50.

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PAIGNTON ZOO

EARLY YEARS



Welcome to the new Early Years programme for 2011. Here at Paignton Zoo we offer a wide variety of education sessions for early years children in our special Hullabaloo classroom. All our sessions are linked to the EYFS six areas of learning and provide ample opportunities for observation and assessment.

We can tailor make sessions to suit your needs and also bring them, along with specimens including skins, bones, skulls and eggs, into your setting.



Animals Like Us

PSED, CLL, KUW

During this session we will have a look at the similarities and differences between ourselves and other animals. We will investigate what we need to grow, be healthy and discover what some of the Zoo animals eat. This will be an interactive session using some of the animal foodstuffs from our stores and could be timed to coordinate with the feeding times of some of our animals.

Who wants to be a Zoo Keeper?

PSED, CLL, KUW

There are many people who work in the Zoo; during this session we will look at some of these different roles and how they help the people who visit the Zoo and the animals. We will use a big book that we have created here at the Zoo about some of our own keepers and end with a walk out into the Zoo to meet one of the keepers with the animals that they look after.

Handa's Surprise

PSED, CLL, PSRN, KUW, CD

This is an African Animals session based on the fantastic book Handa's Surprise. There are six animals in the book which we also have here in the Zoo. The animals all live in the African savannah and steal a fruit from Handa's basket as she passes. We will read the story and the children will be the animals taking the right fruits from the basket. We will also do a craft activity when children can paint their own fruits to put in a basket to take back to school or nursery.

Whose Baby are You?

PSED, CLL, KUW

During this session we will use the story of Tina the Tiger to help children compare baby animals with their parents. We will discover that some animals lay eggs while others have live young. We will also find out that some animals are cared for by their parents and some are left to look after themselves. Resources used will include different eggs and nests and cards to match parents to babies.

Where are the Animals Hiding?

PSED, PSRN, CD, PD

The animals are hiding; come and see who you can find. Some are hiding in the rainforest, some are in the desert. Can you see them? What colours are they? We will have a look at some animal skins to show how they might hide. This is an interactive session based on some of the animals we have in the Zoo with camouflage games and craft activities in the classroom.

Who's Afraid of the Dark?

PSED, CLL, PD

Not our nocturnal animals! We will use a lovely story about the sloth and all the animals he meets in the rainforest who like to come out at night. We will play some sensory games and talk about how we would need to use all our other senses if we couldn't see. We will have a look at some pictures of our nocturnal animals and end with a trip to the nocturnal house to meet the animals and possibly their keeper.

Growing and Changing

PSED, CLL, PD

We will investigate how we grow and change and how our animals change as they grow up. We will look at the ways in which different animals look after their young and help them to become independent and how we become more independent as we grow up.

Fur and Feathers

PSED, KUW, PD

This session will help children to understand that animals can be split into different groups depending on their characteristics. We will use animal costumes to demonstrate the five groups of vertebrates: amphibians, fish, birds, reptiles and mammals. We will also look at different eggs, feathers and furs.