



## Chatting about Zoo animals

### What you can do

- Gather some zoo animal toys and make a miniature zoo
- Pretend to be a zoo keeper and take care of the animals
- Move around like animals i.e. hopping like a kangaroo, snapping like a crocodile, stomping like an elephant
- Make sounds of all the animals you might see at the zoo i.e. 'hissing' like a snake, 'oo ah ah' like a monkey, 'rawring' like a lion/tiger
- Describe a zoo animal and let your child guess what they think it could be i.e. I have no legs and I make the sound 'sssss'
- Animal artwork- using handprint to make animal shapes

### What you can talk about



**What do the animals eat:** vegetables (carrots, lettuce), fruit (bananas, apples), meat, grass, insects  
**How does the zoo keeper look after the animals?:** wash them, brush them, feed them, play with them, clean out where they live, stroke them.  
**Sing song:** 'monkeys jumping on the bed'

**What are the animals like (size /texture/colour/personality):** big, little, tiny, rough, fluffy, slimy, yellow, orange, brown, cheeky, scary  
**How do the animals move:** hop far, crawl, jump high, walk slow, run fast, fly

**Memory game:** 'I went to the zoo and I saw an elephant, I went to the zoo and I saw an elephant and a rhino etc....'  
**Language for thinking:** talk about how animals are different from one another i.e./ one is big & one is small, one has 4 legs and one has 0 legs.

