

ZOOCACTION JANUARY 2012

(For children in **Years 2 to 6** only)

(Kindy and Year 1 description is on the following page)

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MONDAYS 9th, 16th, 23rd

WHAT SOUND DOES A GIRAFFE MAKE? - Animal communication

- 🐾 Learn about the different ways animals 'talk' to each other
- 🐾 Meet and feed some animals that communicate in different ways such as **giraffes, elands** and **cougars**
- 🐾 Plus; fun games, craft and plenty of fun

TUESDAYS 10th, 17th, 24th

ARE LIONS REALLY KING OF THE JUNGLE? - Habitats

- 🐾 Meet and feed some animals that live in various habitats such as **lions, tigers** and **bears**.
- 🐾 Plus; fun games, craft and plenty of fun

WEDNESDAYS 11th and 18th

HOW DOES THE CHEETAH RUN SO FAST? - Locomotion

- 🐾 Locomotion is more than a groovy song - learn about the different ways animals move.
- 🐾 Meet and feed some animals that move in different ways such as **snakes, giraffes, big cats** and more
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THURSDAYS 12th and 19th

WHY DOES THE TIGER HAVE STRIPES? - Adaptations

- 🐾 Learn different ways animals survive in the wild
- 🐾 Meet and feed animals that are great at camouflage such as **tigers, lizards** and more
- 🐾 Plus; fun games, craft, scavenger hunts and plenty of fun.

FRIDAYS 13th and 20th. WEDNESDAY 25th

WHY DOES THAT FISH CARRY ITS BABIES IN ITS MOUTH? – Classification and animal families

- 🐾 Are sharks and manta rays related? Learn about how animals are sorted into different 'families' as well as how animals care for each other.
- 🐾 Meet some animal families such as **fish, sharks, otters** and more.
- 🐾 Plus; fun games, craft and plenty of fun

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ZOOCATION GROUPS

WHAT ARE THE ZOOCATION GROUPS?

To ensure that all children have a fun and enriching experience at Zoocation, children are divided into three groups – **Red, Yellow and Blue**. **Children are grouped according to the year-group they are currently enrolled in at school**. As craft and various other learning activities are part of their day, we try to ensure children are with others of similar social and developmental levels. This way, they will not become frustrated or struggle with the activities. There are usually 18 children in each group with two staff members.

HOW DO I KNOW WHICH GROUP MY CHILD IS IN?

When your child arrives at Zoocation they will be given a coloured bandana and name-tag to indicate which group they will be in for the day.

Generally, children in Years K and 1 are in Red, Years 2 – 3 are in Yellow and Years 4 to 6 in Blue. Sometimes, according to daily enrollments, adjustments are made to how the groups are divided.

CAN MY CHILD BE WITH THEIR FRIENDS OR SIBLINGS?

As much as possible we make all efforts to make sure friends are grouped together. However, if there are large age differences, this becomes difficult during activity time. For example, the Blue group has more complex activities than the Red and Yellow groups. A young child may become frustrated at not being able to participate at the same level as others. We want all the children to experience success and have a fun time at the zoo.

All children are together during lunch, snacks and some free time

***If you have any questions, please feel free to ask
Zoocation Staff.***

