



## Activities at Home

### Project: 'Wild and Wonderful'

Dear Parents,

The activity for week:4 beginning: 29<sup>th</sup> January 2024

Is: Explorers: 'Walk like a giraffe'

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The activity we will be covering involves:

- Learning about belonging, resilience and embracing our unique qualities.
  - Developing fine and gross motor skills.
  - Learning new vocabulary.
  - Developing imaginative and creative skills.
  - Developing observation skills.
  - Encouraging open-ended questioning.
  - Using and manipulating different tools and resources to create desired effects.
  - Developing an understanding of size.
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Our activity includes:

- Begin the activity by reading the story How to be a Giraffe, A Story of Belonging, Resilience, and embracing Our Unique Qualities by Thea Baker.
- Invite the children to make observations, ask and answer questions related to the story.
- Show the children some Giraffe pictures and small-world representations. Talk about Giraffe facts, what they eat, where they live and how big they are.

Questions:

- Do you know any stories about giraffes?
- Do giraffes have feathers or fur?
- Where do giraffes live?
- How many legs to giraffes have?
- Have you ever seen a giraffe (for example at the zoo)?
- Can you name a giraffe's body parts?

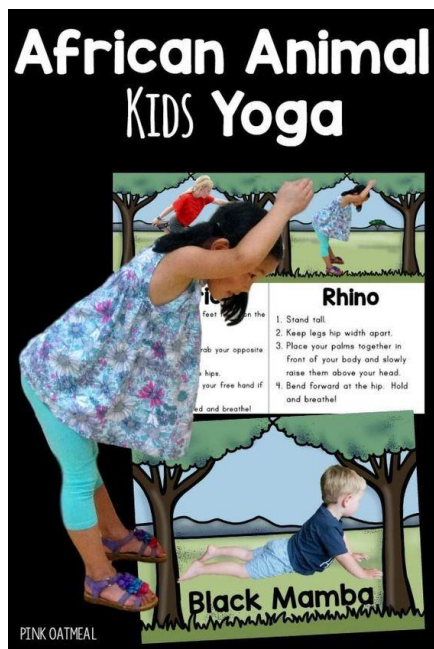
### Activity 1: 3D cone shaped Giraffe

Invite the children to paint a cone shape yellow and then paint brown spots on top. Attach giraffes head and draw eyes and mouth.

### Activity 2: Wild animal movements

Invite the children to walk like a giraffe and try and use their arms and hands to pretend to eat the leaves on the trees.

### Extension Activity: Animal Yoga



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You might wish to help your child to explore this topic at home or when you are out and about. Please feel free to approach the teachers for further explanations.

Our suggested activities are:

- Looking for books/stories about giraffes.
- Visiting London Zoo and the Giraffe House

- Drawing or painting a giraffe together.
- Look for a giraffe shaped stick when in the park. Paint it yellow and add brown dots and add wiggly eyes.
- Making a small-world giraffe house using a shoe box or other resources you might have available.

The big question:

Ask your child:

How can a long neck be useful?