

### Communication & Language

- Use props to tell a story.
- Demonstrate auditory cloze.
- Express themselves with increasingly complex oral language.
- Demonstrate increasing interest in and understanding of stories (retell a simple story).
- Follow three-step instructions.

### Physical Development

- Identify sounds.
- Distinguish between high and low sounds.
- Demonstrate increased eye-hand co-ordination.
- Build a structure with blocks.
- Gain increased facility with the use of new materials.
- Trace around a stencil.

### Personal, Social & Emotional Development

- Demonstrate initiative.
- Make increasingly independent decisions.
- Demonstrate perseverance in activities.
- Show pride in accomplishments.
- Display a sense of humour.
- Recognise own abilities.
- Show increasing skill in co-operative play.
- Resolve simple conflicts with peers using discussion and negotiation.
- Participate in story time and other group times.
- Display increasing concern for others.
- See teachers and peers as a resource to solve problems.

### Vocabulary

- elephant
- trunk
- calf
- giraffe
- hippopotamus
- lion
- mane
- cub
- monkey
- penguin
- bill
- chick
- polar bear
- tiger
- vet
- zebra
- zoo
- zookeeper

## Zoo Clues - Learning Focus

### Thematic Concepts

- Certain kinds of animals live in zoos.
- Zoo animals move in different ways to make different sounds.

- Zoo animals are usually different from pets and farm animals.
- Different people like different zoo animals.
- Zookeepers and vet take care of zoo animals.

### Literacy

- Read some other children's names.
- Write in linear scribbling.

### Mathematics

- Complete increasingly complex puzzles.
- Count objects to 10.
- Classify by two categories.
- Sort by size.
- Estimate.
- Participate in graphing.

### Understanding the World

- Demonstrate visual and auditory discrimination.
- Demonstrate scientific method.
- Sequence events.
- Identify additional body parts.
- Make simple inferences and predictions.
- Name and match things that go together.

### Expressive Arts and Design

- Take on increasingly complex roles in dramatic play activities.
- Experiment with and gain skill in using a variety of creative art materials.
- Explore music and rhythm with increasing control.
- Compare different sights and experiences.

**NOTE: Communication and Language development is a major focus in Curiosity Corner. This is best achieved through consistent teacher modelling, use of talk partners and co-operative learning strategies and encouraging children to work together.**