

Activating Prior knowledge:

Children are already aware of a range of living things from their previous learning and experiences both at preschool and at home. Many children can recognise familiar animals and understand that living things have different needs and live in different habitats. Through books, television programmes, stories, and visits to places such as zoos and wildlife parks, some children may already be familiar with animals associated with Africa, including lions, elephants, giraffes, zebras, and monkeys. Children often show curiosity about wild animals and enjoy sharing facts and experiences about them. Some may already know that Africa is a continent where many safari animals live and may recognise big cats such as lions, leopards, and cheetahs. Others may have an emerging understanding that rainforests are rich habitats that support a wide variety of plants and animals.

Key Texts:

The lion who wanted to love

Bringing the rain to Kapiti plain

Slowly slowly

A range of non-fiction texts

WOW!

Trip to Manor Far

Into the Wild

Art and DT

- African masks
- African sunset art
- Make rainmaker instruments
- Paintstick rainforest animals
- Junk model animals
- Animal dot art inspired by Yayoi Kusama

Literacy - Writing

Children to create an African non-fiction book

Page 1: Africa

Page 2: Big cats

Page 3: Rainforest and reptiles

Page 4: Gorillas and primates

- Save our animal

Understanding of the World

- Safari
- Rainforest, desert, savanna - animals which are found there and key features
- Compare big cats
- Africa as a continent
- Endangered animals - how we can help