

Home EDUCATOR DAY

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SIT SPOTS:

The zoo is a fantastic place to stop, sit and connect. We don't do this regularly enough and often miss lots of things.

Below, there is a sit spot map. Choose one of the areas highlighted by the red stars and sit there quietly for a few minutes. During this time, look and listen to the things around you and try to connect with nature. Taking a few deep breaths and relaxing may help.

Allow your inspiration to peak and use this to compose a piece of creative writing, song or story based on what you see around you.



This map highlights recommended sit spots with a red star. Please feel free to use other locations if you would prefer.

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USING MUSIC TO CREATE ATMOSPHERE:

When used appropriately, music can create atmosphere, convey moods and be used to foreshadow future events. This only works if the music is chosen well. For instance, it would not be appropriate to pair a very sad scene with joyful music.

Below are descriptions of animal behaviour, animal photographs, and music choices. See if you can match them up to convey the correct messages. You may need to listen to the songs if you are not familiar with them!

This animal is very chilled out. He does not move anywhere quickly, but is still determined to reach his goal.



Jaws theme tune,
composed by John
Williams

This animal hunts by slowly stalking it's prey and creeping up on them before pouncing.



Dream a little dream,
originally sung by Ozzie
Nelson but there are lots
of covers

This animal is one of the most playful at the zoo. They love juggling rocks and playfighting with their siblings.



Happy, by Pharrell
Williams

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TIME TO GET CREATIVE:

Pick your favourite animal you see at the zoo and draw, paint or sketch a picture of it. You may need to take a photograph of the animal first to use as a model, because many of them do not stay still for long!

Chosen animal:

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DARTMOOR ZOO ACROSTIC POEM

An acrostic poem is when each line starts with a letter of the theme, which is written down the side.

Try writing one for Dartmoor Zoo!

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EDWARD LANDSEER

Edward Landseer was a famous English artist and sculptor. He focused his creativity on animals and produced some well known English landmarks, such as the lions at the base of Nelson's column in Trafalgar Square. Many of his paintings capture stags, horses and dogs. Search online for one of his paintings that you particularly like and think about the following questions:

- What do you see in this painting?
- What is the subject of the painting?
- What do you think the choice of colours?
- If you had to describe the painting in 3 words, which ones would you choose?
- What do you think the artist is trying to convey?

Photography Contest

Photography is a fantastic way to get creative! During your visit, take lots of pictures around the zoo and send your favourite one in to the email address below to enter our Home Educators Day photography contest.

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