

Hip Hip I'm a Hippo

Foundation Phase

In this 1 hour workshop linked to one of the most loved specimens in the gallery children will explore African wildlife. Handle real animal bones and take part in a dramatic story about a shy Hippo called Heulwen

Pupils should be able to:

- Use animal bones as clues about the size of an animal
- Think about the differences between different animals
- Understand that differences are good!

Curriculum Links

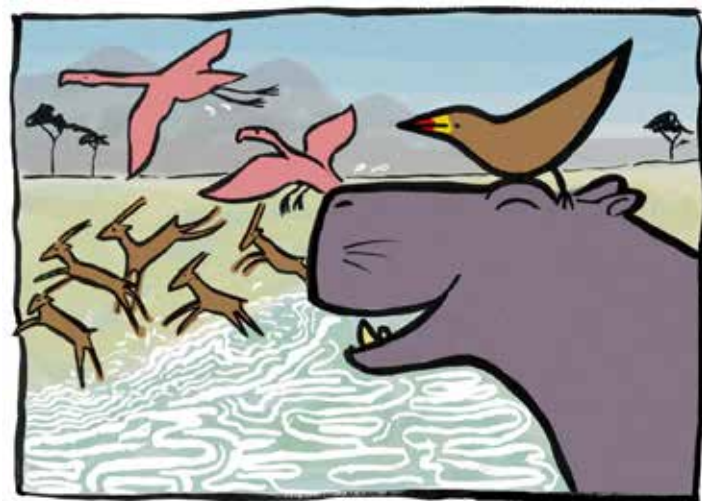
- Language, literature and communication.
- Knowledge and understanding of the world
- Creative development
- Using number and measuring

Ideas for the Classroom

Here are a few suggestions for things you could discuss and do with your class before and after your visit

Pre visit

Look at a map of the world to see where Africa is



Understand that animals have skeletons inside them

Understand the concept of bigger and smaller

Some words we will be using on the visit

Mammal
Skeleton
Bones
Skull
Fur
Scales
Habitat

Post Visit

Animal masks: make masks of your favourite animals and use them to make up stories

Animal map: create a class display of animals from around the world

Animal Poems: think of some words to describe your favourite animal and use them to create a poem

Workshop Breakdown:

Activity	Description
African animals	Group discussion on where Africa is and the types of animals we find there
Hands on	Explore real specimens and models to build more understanding of some African animals
Story time	Take part in an action filled story where children role play the different characters.