

# Daily Diary

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The morning brought a spontaneous experience as Sophie and Eve were very excited to share their news with us today. "Me and Eve went to the zoo together yesterday" Sophie said. "We saw a baby monkey, the giraffe and the baby elephants" Eve commented. This turned into a great discussion between the children about the natural habitat of animals. "Lions, elephants and tigers live in Africa" Todd explained. "There are elephants in India too" Manu commented. "Is there a jungle in Africa, that's where they live" Molly questioned. The children were eager to find out more information on where the animals lived. (Outcomes 4.1, 5.1,)

"Can we make our own animals?" Sarah asked. "What do we need" I asked. "The children thought up of a list of things they need to make their animals. "Boxes, coloured paper, textas, glue, scissors and paint" Sara said. We all searched for our materials to make our animals. Once the materials were found the children spent most part of the morning planning and creating their animals out of boxes. While creating the animals this lead to the children working together to work out how they will get the boxes to stick together. "The glue doesn't work, the head keeps falling off" Lei commented. "I will hold the box, you try taping it" Harvey suggested. With a little effort and a lot of sticky tape the head was finally in place... "Let's make a zoo tomorrow for the animals we made" Maria asked... Tomorrow will be the creation of the "Preschooler Zoo". (Outcomes 4.2, 5.3)

Outdoor play was mostly lead by sand play with the animal figurines. The children also added blocks and pipes to the sand to create habitats for their animals. This lead to ongoing conversation about how to best place the blocks around the sandpit to create the animal homes and which animals were going to be used. Some of the children also spent their time drawing pictures of animals in their habitats which lead to discussions on the best habitat the animal should live. "The tiger lives in the jungle" Steven said. "My tiger lives in the mountains" Fred described. We can't wait for the discoveries and learning tomorrow will bring... (Outcomes 2.4,3.4, 4.4)



## Extension Ideas

Add materials, animal figurines, animal pictures in block area - Animal dress ups and making animal masks. - Google different animal habitats.- Add extra blocks, pipes and animals to sandpit.

## Parent/Educator Suggestions

Stevens dad said that he has unused fruit boxes to bring in for children to play. - Put up a notice for parents to bring in recyclable items for the children to use. - Sophie's mum asked if it was possible to do a zoo excursion.