



Discover 'Dear Zoo'

Reading aloud every day is one of the most important things parents can do with their children. It builds many important skills such as speaking and social skills and helps develop children's listening and attention. It is also a lovely time to be close together and enjoy each other's company.

Games to play

Animal pictures and boxes matching games

Print out two sets of pictures of the animals from the Dear Zoo book.

1. Cut one of the animal sheets up to make individual cards and encourage your child to match them to pictures of the animals on the second sheet.

OR

2. Cut up the pictures and play a pairs matching game or snap with them.

Making a Mask

1. Cut round the lion's head and attach a lollypop stick at either end to make a mask.
2. Encourage your child to say 'lion' and to use their voice to 'roar' like a lion.
3. Point out and talk about the lion's features e.g. nose, mouth, eyes, ears etc
4. Can your child find their nose, mouth, eyes, ears etc?
5. Look on youtube together at footage of lions in their natural habitat and listen to a real lion roaring.

Some helpful websites etc

<https://www.dearzooandfriends.com>

<https://www.booktrust.org.uk>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DearZooStorytelling>

