

Animals We Love:

TIGERS

Recommended for preschoolers

Let's learn more about tigers:

- Tigers are only found in Asia. They live in deciduous or tropical rainforests, grasslands and near mangrove swamps.
- Unlike most cats, tigers love water. As excellent swimmers, they readily enter water to pursue prey.
- Tigers hunt at night, with excellent eyesight that can see six times better than we do. They have soft foot pads to creep up on prey before pouncing on them. They can pounce up to 10 m. They may hide large prey in tall grass and return to feed on them over a few days.
- The last wild tiger in Singapore was shot dead in 1930 in Chua Chu Kang village. Across Asia, tigers face the threat of poaching. There are only some 3,000 tigers in the wild.
- White Tigers are not albinos or a subspecies of tigers. Their special coloration is a result of a mutated gene. Orange-coloured tigers may give birth to white and orange-coloured cubs in the same litter. White tigers are extremely rare. No one has sighted one in the wild for a long time.



Use the See-Think-Wonder Thinking Routine* to start a conversation with your child

*Adapted from Project Zero, Harvard Graduate School of Education

SEE

- Name all the colours you can spot in this photograph.
- How are these two tigers similar?
- How are they different?

THINK

- Why do you think tigers are so strong?
- What do you think these tigers were doing before their photograph was taken?

WONDER

- I wonder how far a tiger can pounce.

Activity Time!



Alphabet Yoga



At least 1 adult
and 1 child



Just your body

STEP 1: Take turns to pose the letters that spell T-I-G-E-R.

STEP 2: Try to pose the letters T-I-G-E-R spelt backwards.

***Bonus Challenge:** Create your own list of words associated with tigers e.g. white, stripes, and roar to spell with your bodies. Take turns to pose the letters and guess the words.*



Upload your creations and tag us @wrs.ig along with the hashtag #SingaporeZoo and #PlaytimeSZG



Tigers 'R' Us



At least 1 adult
supervisor and
1 child



Recycled materials,
scissors, string, glue,
pencil & paper

STEP 1: Visit the [Zoo's webpage on white tigers](#) and observe the face of this white tiger, paying close attention to the details.

STEP 2: Use recycled materials to create a tiger face mask. Challenge yourself to include as much details as possible.



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Try out this activity when you visit us!



Toy for the tigers



2 or more
players



Natural loose parts
(e.g. leaves, twigs, pebbles)

STEP 1: Take a look at this picture. The white tigers love to play with this toy! Playing with this boomer ball can help keep them fit as they chase the ball around. Can you create a toy to keep the white tigers fit too?

STEP 2: Visit the Zoo and observe the white tigers in the exhibit. These tigers love to play! Do you notice any objects in the exhibit that they might play with?

STEP 3: Collect at least five types of natural loose parts around the white tiger exhibit. Imagine you were a tiger keeper. What kind of toys would you design for the tigers to help them keep fit? You may wish to find out more about the natural behaviour of tigers in the wild to help you create a toy for the tigers in the Zoo. Use all the different types of natural loose parts you have collected.



Take a photo of your white tiger toy and upload on Instagram. Tag us @wrs.ig along with the hashtag #SingaporeZoo and #PlaytimeSZG.

STEP 4: Remember to return the loose parts back to nature!