

Animals We Love:

GIANT PANDAS

Recommended for preschoolers

Let's learn more about giant pandas:

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River Safari is home to giant pandas, Kai Kai and Jia Jia. Kai Kai is nicknamed 'Onion Head' for the small tuft of fur on his head. Jia Jia has a narrow black band on her back.

Kai Kai



Jia Jia



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Giant pandas are one of the eight bear species. Unlike other bears, they live on a plant diet - bamboo to be exact. They even have enlarged wrist bone in each paw that acts as a 'thumb' to hold bamboo while eating. They eat eggs, carrion, bamboo rats and fish occasionally.



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Giant pandas cannot digest bamboo well. They have to eat a lot of bamboo (15 to 20kg) to get the nutrients they need, and they poo a lot - about 40 times a day.

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Giant pandas can weigh up to 130kg but at birth, cubs are very tiny compared to their mum. They weigh only about 100g and are about 15cm long.



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Giant pandas excellent tree climbers and they can swim. They are solitary animals. Mature pandas meet only during the breeding season.

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

*Adapted from Project Zero, Harvard Graduate School of Education



SEE

- Which parts of the panda are black?
- Which parts of the panda are white?
- Describe what you can spot in this panda's home.



THINK

- What do you think this panda might be doing?
- What directions will you give to this panda to help it reach the pond?



WONDER

- I wonder if the panda can climb trees.

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Activity Time!



Fun with Shapes



At least 1 adult and 1 child



Paper, pencil and recycled materials

STEP 1: Draw a giant panda based on your memory, using only circles and triangles.

STEP 2: Watch the [video](#) and [visit River Safari website on giant pandas](#). Check if you have drawn all its features.

STEP 3: Fill in the missing details using the same shapes.

Bonus Challenge: Use recycled materials to make a finger or hand puppet out of your drawing.



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



Panda Show & Tell



At least 1 adult and 1 child



Picture or item representative of Singapore

STEP 1: Visit River Safari's webpage and [download the e-book: "A New Home for Kia Kia and Jia Jia"](#)

STEP 2: Look around your house to find a picture or an object about Singapore that you would like to introduce to Kai Kai and Jia Jia.

STEP 3: Prepare a Show & Tell. Use the picture or object to share something special about Singapore with the giant pandas and your family.



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