Animals We Love:

GIANT PANDAS

Recommended for preschoolers

Let's learn more about giant pandas:

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.

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.

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. 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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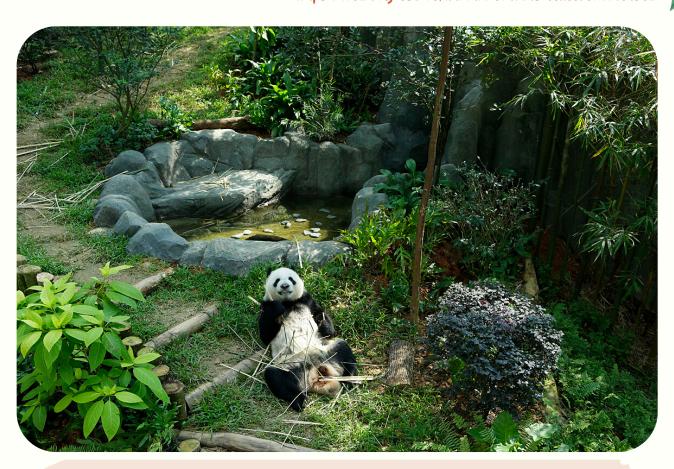






Use the See-Think-Wonder Thinking Routine* to start a conversation with your child

*Adapted from Project Zero, Harvard Graduate School of Education





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



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



• I wonder if the panda can climb trees.









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.







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.



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

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