

JANUARY

THEME: Awesome Animals **FOCUS:** Children learn about life science through the exploration of animals and animal life cycles.

ALPHABET KNOWLEDGE

I, J & K

What animals can you name that start with these letters?

LET'S GET PHYSICAL!

Hop like a grasshopper 10 times!
Gallop like a horse!
Fly like a bee!

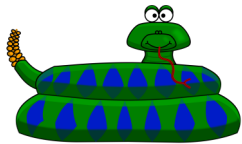
SONG OF THE MONTH

Do You Know the Jungle Animals

Tune: London Bridge is Falling Down

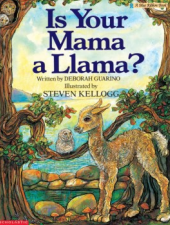

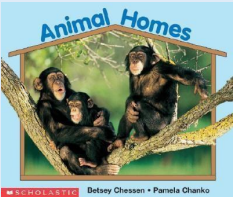

Do you know the scaly snake, scaly snake, scaly snake

Do you know the scaly snake in the jungle
(replace scaly snake with other jungle animals)



VOCABULARY WORDS

Animal
Habitat
Ocean
Insect
Chrysalis
Hibernate
Shelter
Hunt

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DISCUSSION TOPICS	Discuss the types of animals we keep as pets and animals that live in the wild.	Talk about the different characteristics of insects, such as number of legs, eyes, wings, and color.	Discuss the types of homes animals live in and their natural habitats.	Discuss the life cycle of animals and the ways they grow and change.
CREATIVE ART IDEAS	ANIMAL COLLAGE: Cut out different pictures of animals from magazines and glue them on a piece of paper to make a collage.	THE LIFECYCLE OF A BUTTERFLY: Divide a paper plate into four sections, in each section draw each stage of a butterfly lifecycle.	ANIMAL HABITAT: Create a bear's den, a birds nest or a dog house using any recyclable materials (paper towel rolls, water bottles, etc.). Be creative!	SPIDER: Decorate a foam craft ball with paint and eyeballs. Add eight pipe cleaners for legs.

ENHANCED LEARNING

LEARN THROUGH PLAY

- Role play mother and baby animals.
- Crawl around like a creepy, crawly insect.
- Pretend to be a bear, make a fort as your den.
- Guess who I am, play a guessing game describing animal characteristics, have the other person guess who you are!

MATH AND SCIENCE

- Practice putting objects in order, biggest to smallest.
- Practice counting to ten! Count objects, steps and more!
- Practice using time words like, before, after, during, today, tomorrow, yesterday.
- Match pictures of baby animals with their parents.

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