

FLUFFY FRIENDS



Teacher Resource Guide

This Fluffy Friends resource guide is great for kindergarten and prep-school students to learn about Australian animals and use their sense to explore different features that belong to these animals!

Curriculum Links:

- STe-3LW-ST → Explores the characteristics, needs and uses of living things
- STe-4LW-ST → Identifies that living things grow, change and have basic needs
- STe-IWS-ST → Observes, questions and collects data using their senses
- STe-2DP-T → Uses materials, tools and techniques to develop and create solutions

What's included in this resource:

1. Teachers' Guide to use the resources
2. That's my Fluffy Friend video
4. Worksheet
5. Craft Activity



Activity 1- Fact Time!

Use the WILD LIFE Sydney Zoo website or YouTube channel to introduce 5 Australian animals to the students. From the video or photos, students will be able to learn about the species and key features about them and their habitats.

After watching the video- ask the students if they think that animal is one of our fluffy friends. Why do they think this?

After your whole class discussion students complete Activity 1 Worksheet!

Activity 2- Story Time!

Play the Fluffy friends video to students and watch together as a whole group. Go through the animals in the book and ask students what body parts do they have to make them fluffy?

Ask students to think of another animal and write a description or some words that best describe that animals body parts and features.

Get students to complete the above activity on Activity Worksheet 2. Once all students have completed this task collect all students worksheets and turn it into your own My Fluffy Friends Book.

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Activity 3- Guess that animal sound!

Play a video on some Australian animal noises. Be amazed to hear what some animal sound like!

Once you have played the game, see if any students can make any other animal sounds. We are sure you can get some good kookaburra noises from the class!

Activity 4- Sensory Play

Fluffy Friends Sensory Hide and Seek. Use the instructions below to set up a fun sensory corner in the classroom or play as a whole group activity to learn more about different animal features.

What you need:

- A tray/shadow box or large container
- Brushes and magnifying glasses
- Animal card pictures below (laminated)
- Tray/box or container covering, i.e., slime, shaving cream, sand, coloured rice, playdough, water, flour, sugar or salt! You can choose how messy you would like to make this activity!

Instructions:

1. Cut out and laminate the Australian Animal Cards
2. Place in the bottom of your tray/box or container the Australian animal pictures. If you have some of the animal figurines, you can also place them here!
3. Place the covering of your choice over the top of the pictures and animal figurines.
4. Allow children to explore the sensory table either with their fingers or with brushes to explore what is on the bottom. When they find an object, ask them to pull it out, and they can use the magnifying glass to look at it closely.
5. Ask the child what animal they think it is, and show the rest of the group!
6. Share one of the animal facts with the group from the list provided.
7. Get another child to come up until all the animal cards have been discovered!

Activity 5- Excursion Time!

Bring students on an excursion to WILD LIFE Sydney Zoo, so they can experience and see first-hand some of the amazing fluffy friends we have at the zoo!

Activity 6- Craft Time!

Students have some fun and create some Fluffy Friend Animals! Students use the worksheets in this unit to help make their masterpieces!

