| Phase 1<br>Phonics<br>activity                      | Collect together some animal toys — Copy the sound that the animal makes e.g. roar, cheep, grunt, snort, snap, neigh, woof, meow etc. Make it loudly / quietly.  Some children may be able to match the animal to the sound or vice versa.  |
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| Number<br>activity                                  | Find as many animal toys (or animal themed objects) around the house as possible.  Count them and match to the written number. (write numbers on some pieces of paper)  Sort them into groups — big/small — colours —legs/no legs etc. How many of each?  |
| Sensory play  | Explore different sized boxes and packaging — raid the recycling bin! Can you fit toy animals inside?  Play with animals in different materials — grass, straw, soil, water   |
| Physical<br>Development<br>(Gross or Fine<br>Motor) | Listen and dance to the Dear Zoo song! <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KsHXDPxozTk">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KsHXDPxozTk</a> Use duplo or other building blocks to build enclosures for the animals. If you don't have any blocks, use empty boxes or containers.  Look at sensory learning ideas on the website list. See 'Inclusive Teach 150 Sensory Learning Ideas' |
| Creative<br>activity                                | Animals have different textures. Explore a collection of textures, for example, fabrics, fur, wool, sand or sandpaper, wood, soft, spiky, smooth, rough. Make a texture collage by cutting and sticking the materials onto paper.  Some children may be able to sort them into groups according to different criteria e.g Rough and Smooth or Hard and Soft                             |

## Additional activities:

(Some could be adapted if you don't have a printer.

Just draw or write them using available resources)

Visit the zoo! Paignton, Chester, Edinburgh, Marwell are amongst some UK zoos offering virtual tours online.

Role play games with soft toy animals

Try downloading **Animal Masks, Zoo animal colouring or Animal matching** from the home learning portal