



# COLCHESTER ZOO HOME EDUCATION SESSIONS 2019-2020

Sessions for age 5-7  
1:00-1:45

	Topic	Session Description	Key Points Covered
<b>Sept</b> Mon 9 <sup>th</sup> Tues 10 <sup>th</sup> Wed 11 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Amazing Animals</b>	Come along to learn as we discover more about the weirdest and most wonderful animals! This session features hands-on animal artefacts (furs, skins, skulls, etc.) and loads of incredible, outrage, or even seemingly-unbelievable facts about some of the amazing animals we share our planet with.	Animal facts
<b>Oct</b> Mon 7 <sup>th</sup> Tues 8 <sup>th</sup> Wed 9 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Rainforest Animals</b>	Rainforests are a unique habitat because they are divided into layers. Children will learn about the emergent, canopy, understory and forest floor layers of the rainforest and about the animals that live at each level.	Rainforest layers; where in the world are rainforests; what are rainforests like.
<b>Nov</b> Mon 4 <sup>th</sup> Tues 5 <sup>th</sup> Wed 6 <sup>th</sup>	<b>The Wonders of Poo</b>	Everybody poos, including all the animals! Get the chance to learn more about one of the squishiest and smelliest parts of looking after animals. What can you tell about an animal from its poo? Can you identify animals by looking at their poo? What animal has square poo? Find out the answers to these questions and more in this hands-on session.	Herbivore/carnivore/omnivore; scat identification
<b>Dec</b> Mon 16 <sup>th</sup> Tues 17 <sup>th</sup> Wed 18 <sup>th</sup>	<b>All About Birds</b>	Children will learn all about this group of fascinating animals and be able to say what makes a bird a bird. This session includes an introduction to some of the most common British garden birds you're likely to see and tips and tricks to help you identify them. This provides you with the information you need to go home and take part in one of the planets longest-running citizen science projects.	Classification (bird, mammal, reptile, amphibian, fish); bird body parts
<b>Jan</b> Mon 6 <sup>th</sup> Tues 7 <sup>th</sup> Wed 8 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Colour and Camouflage</b>	Why are animals bright colours? Why do animals blend in? Try to spot all the camouflaged animals while learning about the benefits of spots, stripes, and changing colours.	Camouflage – what it is and how it works
<b>Feb</b> Mon 3 <sup>rd</sup> Tues 4 <sup>th</sup> Wed 5 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Art</b>	Learn how to classify animals into different groups (mammals, birds, etc.) and what key features to include when sketching or recording details from each group. There will then be free time for children to get hands-on and examine animal artefacts(skulls, furs, etc.) and practice their art techniques.	Classification (bird, mammal, reptile, amphibian, fish); art skills
<b>Mar</b> Mon 2 <sup>nd</sup> Tues 3 <sup>rd</sup> Wed 4 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Plants and Animals</b>	Children will discover the wide variety of large, small, and amazing plants found around Colchester Zoo and how they relate to our animals. We'll then focus on first hand observations and learning some of the key parts and features of plants.	Plant anatomy; types of plants found in different parts of the world
<b>Apr</b> Mon 20 <sup>th</sup> Tues 21 <sup>st</sup> Wed 22 <sup>nd</sup>	<b>Lifecycles</b>	Investigate how different animals grow and develop. A variety of hands-on activities bring this topic to life as pupils examine eggs, and play games about minibeast life stages.	Key stages of animal lifecycles; eggs; insect life stages – eggs, larvae, pupa, adult
<b>May</b> Mon 18 <sup>th</sup> Tues 19 <sup>th</sup> Wed 20 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Pond Dipping</b>	Children will get the chance to visit our Nature Area and go pond dipping to discover what minibeasts are lurking under the water. As a group we'll examine everything we've caught and learn more about them.	Pond creature identification