

African Savannah Animals

Why adaptations do savannah animals have?

Year 2

Learning Outcomes:

At the end of the session:

- ✓ **All pupils** will know basic characteristics of the savannah - warm, dry season, wet season
- ✓ **Most pupils** will be able to recall some adaptations that savannah animals have
- ✓ **Some pupils** will be able to make the connection between an animal's adaptations and how it helps them survive on the savannah

Session Outline:

The session starts with locating Africa on a map and quickly names four main African habitats before focusing on the savannah. The key features of the savannah (warm, dry season and wet season) are discussed. Pupils are then given the opportunity to get up close to biofacts (furs, skulls, horns, etc.) with the task of guessing how the features of these biofacts would help an animal on the savannah. As a group we will then discuss some major savannah adaptations including thin fur (or no fur), living in groups, camouflage, defenses, and size. Throughout this, the pupils will discover how these adaptations match the various objects they have examined.



Curriculum Links

Science:

- Working scientifically
- Living things and their habitats

Geography:

- Location knowledge
- Human and physical geography