

We're going on Safari

Explore the African savannah and the "big five" animals that live there

Reception

Learning Outcomes:

At the end of the session:

- ✓ All pupils will know different animals live in Africa
- ✓ Most pupils will be able to name one of the discussed African animals
- ✓ Some pupils will know the savannah is a place in Africa where these animals live

Curriculum Links:

Communication and Language | Understanding the World – the world

Year 1-2

Learning Outcomes:

At the end of the session:

- ✓ All pupils will know the savannah is one place (habitat) in Africa where animals live
- ✓ Most pupils will be able to remember key features of the savannah
- ✓ Some pupils will be able explain how the 'big five' are adapted for life on the savannah

Curriculum Links:

Science – Animals, including humans | Living things and their habitats
Geography – Place knowledge | Human and physical geography

Session Outline:

"We're going on safari on the African savannah to see the big five, and we're not scared!" Using a familiar song, students will first locate Africa and then focus on the savannah. Each interactive verse will highlight key characteristics like long grass, rivers, Acacia trees, kopjes (rocky outcrops), and rainstorms, while also introducing an animal for students to guess. They will have the opportunity to handle real biofacts (e.g., fur, skulls) to learn about the animals' adaptations to the savannah.

Please note, no live animals are used in this session

