



There's been squabbling at the Wildlife Park recently! First of all the meerkats started picking on a couple of the younger ones. Perhaps they had been a bit too cheeky with the older members of the gang? We're not sure. And then the macaque monkeys had a big fight when Billy, the boss, had a fight with a younger monkey - and lost. It's all sorted now, but the keepers will be keeping an eye on things.

Spot Kush!

Kush the panda manages to sneak into this newsletter each week. He's hard to spot - can you find him?

The chicks are growing up!



At first, a penguin chick looks like a little grey ball of fluff with a beak!

In fact it's really hard to see because it's usually snuggled underneath mum or dad. But then gradually it starts to look more like a proper grown up penguin! The one in the top photo is about 5 weeks old



As it gets older it will learn to swim, but it will be over a year before it has all of its adult feathers. The one shown (left) is around 14 months old. Can you spot how it is different from its mum?

There are now 10 chicks at the Wildlife Park!

Does it Add Up?

$$\text{parrot} + \text{parrot} + \text{parrot} = 21$$

$$\text{hippo} + \text{parrot} + \text{hippo} = 17$$

$$\text{penguin} + \text{hippo} + \text{penguin} = 11$$

$$\text{penguin} + \text{hippo} + \text{parrot} = ?$$

Whose dinner?

Hmm, which noisy bird from down under is getting 3 dead mice for dinner today? Yum yum!



Which animal?
Unscramble the letters to find out!

q u i r s l e r y o m n e k
h a r e
m a f l o g i n



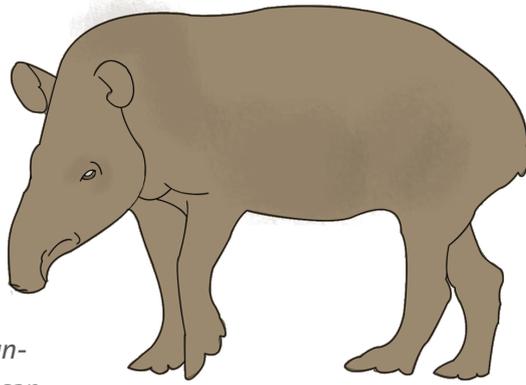
Tough bristly mane protects the tapir's neck from jaguar bites!

Thick skin protects from bites and scratches

Animal of the Week

Brazilian Tapir

Small deep set eyes are protected from thorns and branches



short stubby tail

Long bendy nose can reach up to pick leaves to eat

When swimming underwater the tapir can stick his nose out like a snorkel!

Four toes on each front foot and three on each back foot

Sometimes people think that tapirs are a type of wild pig, but they are wrong! Tapirs are actually related to horses and rhinoceroses.

A mother tapir hides her baby calf in the bushes for safety while she goes in search of food. Babies have a stripy pattern for camouflage - Google "baby tapir" to see this.

Nooo! Brazilian tapirs are classed as "vulnerable" which means they might soon be an endangered species. This is because of hunting and because their forests are being cut down-

Habitat

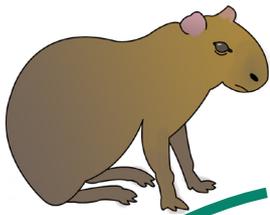
From the tropical forests of South America, they live on the forest floor

Food in the Wild

They are plant eaters (herbivores). They eat mainly leaves, also roots and fruit

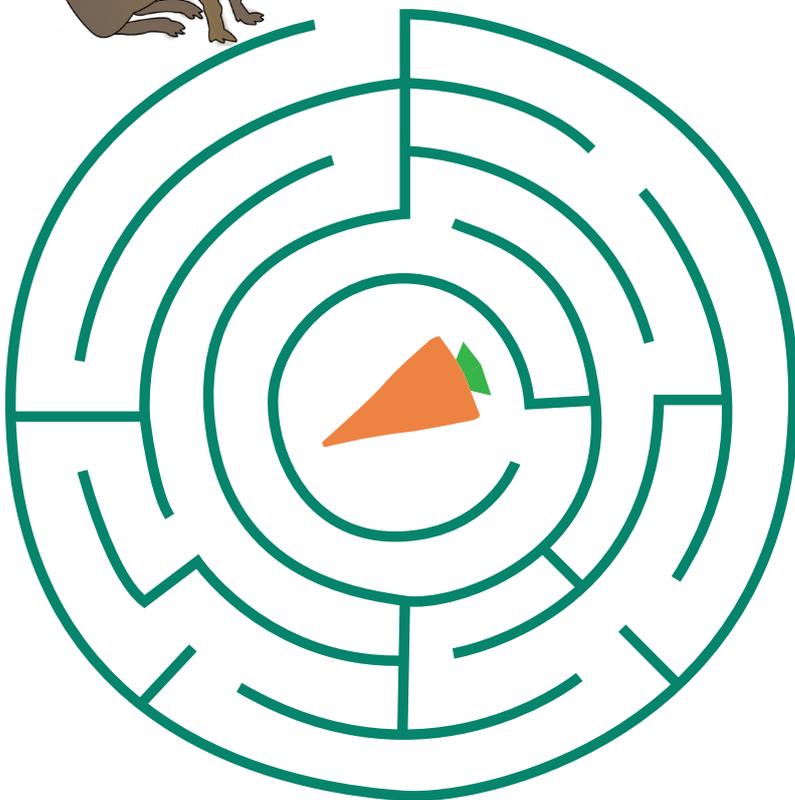
Superpower

They can swim underwater to escape from jaguars, using their nose as a snorkel



Sniff out the Carrot!

Ooh, that's a juicy carrot! Can you help Archie the agouti to reach it?



Cut out and keep me



answers



Check out Education staff Liz and Eleanor showing you snakes, bugs and more! Find "Curraghs Wildlife Park Education" on YouTube

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Which animal: squirrel monkey; rhea; flamingo
Does it add up? = 18 Whose dinner? kookaburra