



So, here we are, back in lockdown, and the Wildlife Park closed for visitors. Of course we never really close down here, because the animals still need to be fed and looked after. So there are always staff around, but it feels very strange and quiet, and most animals definitely miss having visitors to admire them! Stay safe x

Red Panda News



Photo: Sarah

Aria - Kush's daughter



Kush is a father now!!

Perhaps you will remember Kush the panda and his adventures last year - he escaped from his enclosure not once, but twice! Both times, he was missing for ages, and we thought we might never see him again.

But, he's back where he belongs now, and last summer he became a dad for the first time when his mate, Sara, gave birth to a very beautiful cub, named Aria by her keepers. She looks a lot like her handsome dad, but let's hope she doesn't follow in his footsteps by escaping Is Kush a great dad? I'm afraid not. He ignores Aria if he can!

Know your reptiles ..

1. Has a hard, domed shell

t _ _ _ _ _

2. A venomous snake with a "hood"

c _ _ _ _

3. Has a spiky chin but doesn't breathe fire!

b _ _ _ _ _ d _ _ _ _ _

4. Squeezes prey to death

b _ _ c _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _

5. See him basking on a warm rock on IOM

c _ _ _ _ _ l _ _ _ _ _

6. Carries her babies to the river in her huge mouth!

c _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _

Whose dinner?

Clue: this is a BIG tub of food for a big animal. There's a mix of fruit and veg, special pellets, plus a dusting of vitamin powder on top.



Which animal?

Unscramble the letters to find out!

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z o m a n a r o p r a t

n i g f l o a m



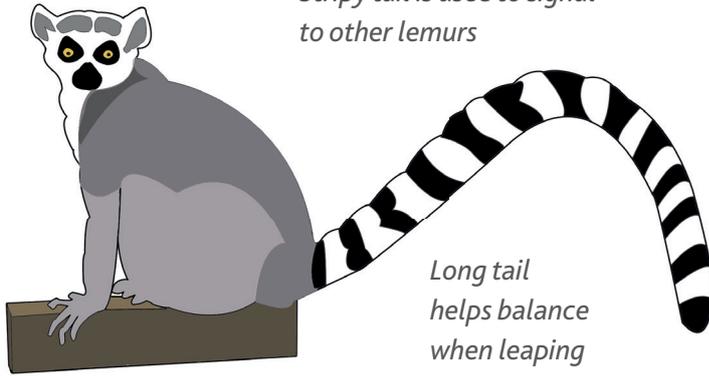
Animal of the Week

Long nose (compared to their monkey cousins), so good sense of smell

Soft grey fur with white markings and black eye patches

Stripy tail is used to signal to other lemurs

Bottom front teeth are shaped like a comb, and used to groom the fur



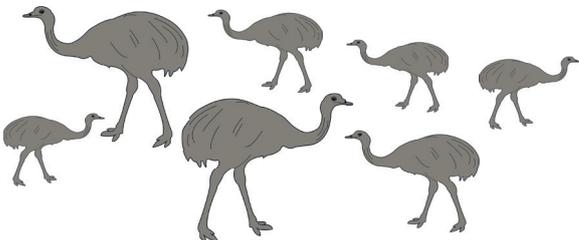
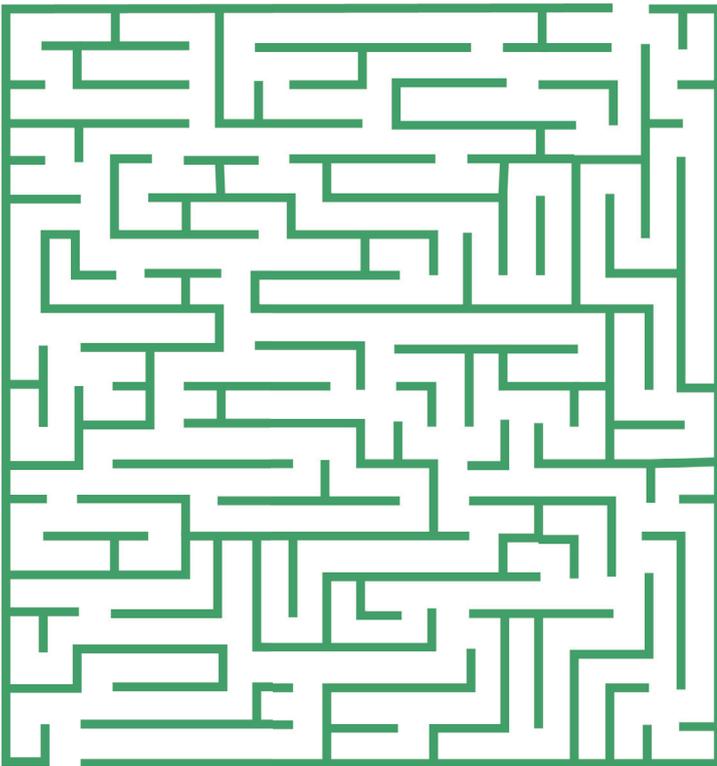
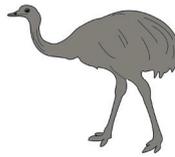
Long tail helps balance when leaping

Hands are good at gripping things

Strong back legs for powerful leaping

Finding rheas!

Oh dear, Roger the rhea has wandered off and now can't find his friends. Can you help him?



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Ring-tailed lemur

All lemurs are found only on the island of Madagascar, and nowhere else! They live in family groups of around 20, with the females in charge. Males smear their tail with a smell that comes from a gland on their wrist. Then they wave their smelly tails at other males! Females usually give birth to one or two infants each year.

Habitat

Ring-tailed lemurs live in all kinds of forest, and even places where there are only scattered trees and bushes

Food in the Wild

They eat fruit, leaves, tree sap, and insects. Occasionally they eat small animals such as mice or lizards

Superpower

With their powerful back legs they are amazing jumpers!

Cut out and keep me



answers

Know your rept: 1 tortoise 2 cobra 3 bearded dragon 4 boa constrictor 5 common lizard 6 crocodile. Anagrams: barn owl, amazon parrot, flamingo Whose dinner? Zeus the tapir