Animals We Love:

GIANT PANDAS

Recommended for primary school children

Let's learn more about giant pandas:

River Safari is home to giant pandas, Kai Kai and Jia Jia. Kai Kai is nicknamed 'Onion Head' for the small tuft of fur on his head. Jia Jia has a narrow black band on her back.

Giant pandas are one of the eight bear species. Unlike other bears, they live on a plant diet - bamboo to be exact. They even have enlarged wrist bone in each paw that acts as a 'thumb' to hold bamboo while eating. They eat eggs, carrion, bamboo rats and fish occasionally.

Giant pandas can weigh up to 130kg but at birth, cubs are very tiny compared to their mum. They weigh only about 100g and are about 15cm long.

Giant pandas cannot digest bamboo well. They have to eat a lot of bamboo (15 to 20kg) to get the nutrients they need, and they poo a lot - about 40 times a day.

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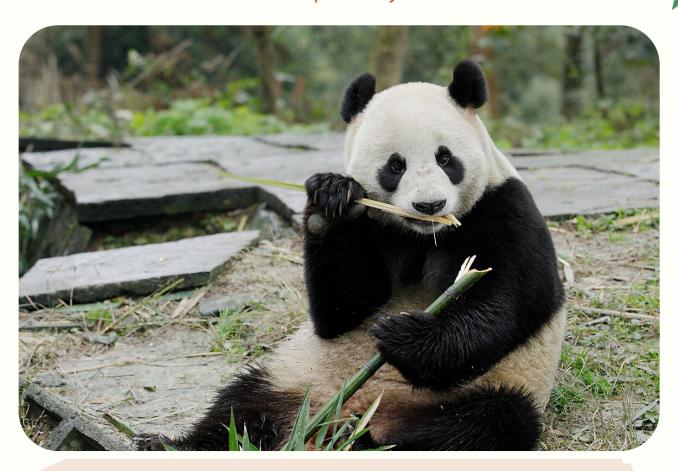






Use the See-Think-Wonder Thinking Routine* to start a conversation with your child

*Adapted from Project Zero, Harvard Graduate School of Education





- Take turns to list every detail in this photograph.
- Visit River Safari's webpage on red pandas. How are the red panda and the giant panda similar?
- · What are the differences you can spot between the red panda and the giant panda?



THINK

- · What do you think the giant panda might use its sharp claws for?
- · What other animals do you think also eat bamboo?



WONDER

• I wonder how giant pandas 'talk' to one another.

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Activity Time!



Memory Game



2 or more players

Markers and drawing paper

STEP 1: Watch the <u>video</u> on giant pandas and pause the clip at 0:10 seconds. Observe the image of its habitat for 20 seconds and remember as many details as you can.

STEP 2: Without referring to the image, draw it out based on your memory. Compare your drawing with the ones drawn by your family members.

STEP 3: Exchange drawings with your family members. Look at the image again and fill in the missing details.

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Panda Postcard



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STEP 1: Watch this <u>video</u> to find out what a panda keeper does on an average day.

STEP 2: Write a postcard to a friend to share what you found interesting about a panda keeper's job.

STEP 3: Read your postcard aloud to your family members before mailing it



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