

SEN TALKS

INFORMATION FOR EDUCATIONAL TALKS



Educational Talks

We currently offer the following talks:

Exploring Animals

Reptiles

World of Plants

Each of these talks will last around 30 minutes. They will include hands-on activities where possible, to ensure that children are engaged and learning about plants and animals.

The group size for talks will be limited to 20 children, so you may be given separate times for the same talk if your group is larger than 20 children. This is to ensure that all the children taking part get the most out of the session.

Talk Details

Exploring Animals

In this session the students will get to explore a range of amazing artefacts such as bones, feathers and shells belonging to animals that used to live at the Park. They will look at and discuss any similarities and differences they can see and try to guess what species of animal it belongs to. By investigating various feathers, snake skins, eggs, shells and bones, the students will explore life cycles, physical features of animals and the work that keepers do at Cotswold Wildlife Park to care for our animals. This is an amazing opportunity for SEN students to get hands-on with some amazing artefacts!



Reptiles

This talk will look at the different types of reptiles including; snakes, lizards, caiman, and tortoises. The keepers will discuss the similarities and differences between varying reptile species and with each reptile we will look at what they eat, where they live and what they need in order to survive. This talk will also touch on life cycles and the changes some reptiles go through as they grow. Finally, we may look at ways that they may protect themselves through camouflage, colouration and even venom!

World of Plants

In this session the students will be looking at some of our brilliant plants, using their senses to explore the different smells and textures. They will discuss any similarities and differences they can see, the life cycle of a plant and talk about different environments; for example, hot and cold or wet and dry and what types of plants grow there. At the end of the session the students will

be able to plant a seed or bulb or make a seed bomb to take away with them. We have all sorts of wonderful plants to explore in this session, such as the Chocolate Mint plant and the Swiss Cheese plant!

SEN group learning outcomes:

Each of the three sessions will mainly cover the similarities and differences between plants or animals, the physical features and adaptations they might have, and the habitats in which these plants or animals would be found.

If you have specific learning outcomes in mind, please do contact us ahead of your visit so we can try to include these where possible into your talk session.

