



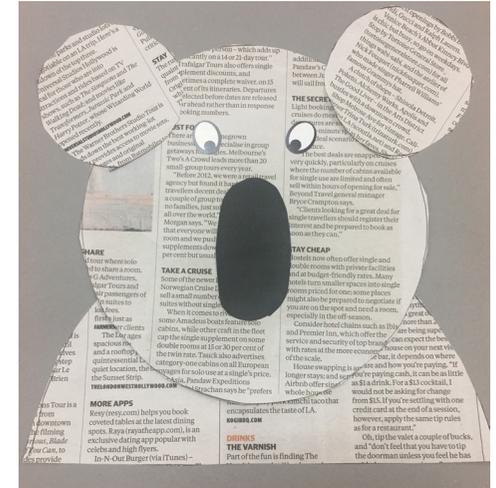
Craft Activity

Theme: Australian Animals - Koala

Intro: Koalas are native to Australia. Eucalyptus trees (gum tree) are not only a food source for Koalas, but their home as well. The leaves also provide moisture so Koalas don't need to drink a lot.

Craft activity: Newspaper Koalas

Children will need: Coloured Card, glue, newspaper, stick-on eyes, textas or crayons, koala templates, scissors.



Instructions: Trace each template piece onto the newspaper. Cut out each piece. Place glue onto the back of each koala piece and glue onto the coloured card. Colour the nose and stick on along with the koala's eyes.

Extension Idea: Glue pieces onto a paper bag instead of the card, to make a hand puppet. Decorate your koala by gluing gum leaves to your picture. Add cotton wool to the koala's ears to make them fluffy.

Fact: Koalas sleep between 18-22 hours per day. This is because the leaves they eat take a long time to digest so they need to save their energy.



Learning Outcome 2: Children are connected with and contribute to their world.



Coordinator extension ideas and group time guide

Sensory activity: Sensory Tray

You will need: Tray, gum leaves, plastic koala play toys.

Instructions: Fill the tray with gum leaves. Place plastic koala toys into the tray for children to find. You could also make some playdough with 2-3 drops of eucalyptus oil to put into the tray.

Table activity: Koala Puzzles

Print and laminate templates and cut each one into four pieces where marked.

Group time ideas:

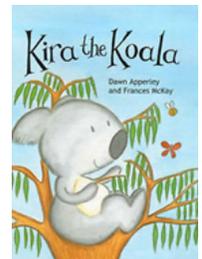
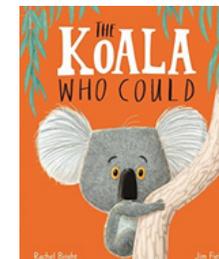
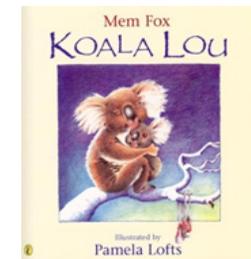
Ask children if they have ever seen a real koala. If so, where did they see it?
Has anyone ever touched or held a real koala? If so, what did it feel like?

Book Suggestions:

Koala Lou By Mem Fox

The Koala Who Could By Rachel Bright and Jim Field

Kira the Koala By Dawn Apperley & Frances McKay





If You're a Koala and You Know it

Tune: If You're Happy and You Know it

If you're a koala and you know it climb a tree
If you're a koala and you know it climb a tree
If you're a koala and you know it, then you really ought to show it,
If you're a koala and you know it climb a tree.

If you're a koala and you know it eat some leaves,
If you're a koala and you know it eat some leaves,
If you're a koala and you know it, then you really ought to show it,
If you're a koala and you know it eat some leaves.

If you're a koala and you know it scratch your belly,
If you're a koala and you know it scratch your belly,
If you're a koala and you know it, then you really ought to show it,
If you're a koala and you know it scratch your belly.

If you're a koala and you know it have a sleep,
If you're a koala and you know it have a sleep,
If you're a koala and you know it, then you really ought to show it,
If you're a koala and you know it have a sleep.

Koala, Koala

Tune: Teddy Bear, Teddy Bear

Koala, koala turn around, (Turn around)
Koala, koala touch the ground. (Touch the ground)
Koala, koala dance on your toes, (Dance on tip toes)
Koala, koala touch your nose. (Touch your nose)
Koala, koala give a little clap, (Clap)
Koala, koala take a nap. (Put head on hands like sleeping)

Ear
(Cut 2)

Head

Nose

Body



