



Playgroup SA

Playgroup Weekly Session Planner

African Animals - Hippopotamus

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CRAFT ACTIVITY

The hippopotamus is the world's second largest land animal, with the elephant being the largest. Hippos can weigh up to 3200kg!

Craft activity: Hippopotamus Face Craft

Children will need: White paper and Coloured card, sticky tape or glue, Sticky eyes, textas/crayons/pencils, scissors.

Instructions: Using the Hippo template, trace the Hippo's face and teeth, then cut them out. Trace the hippo face onto coloured paper and cut out. Trace the teeth onto white paper and cut these out. Sticky tape the teeth to the bottom of the hippo face. Stick on some sticky eyes or you can draw them on also. Draw on some nostrils.

COVID Suggestion: Individual craft stations set up for children and then wiped over and re set for the next child. Or individual packs made up that the children take home to make the craft.

Extension ideas:

You can use different coloured paper to give it a more 3D effect or extend the Hippo by giving it a body with some legs. You may wish to also add a large pop stick and instead of eyes you can cut out the eyes and use it as a mask. You can even cut two holes to use for nostrils and the children can poke their fingers through like a puppet.

Fact: Hippos can eat up to 35kg of food in a day.



Learning Outcome 4: Children are confident and involved learners.



OUTDOOR ACTIVITY

Set up a puppet stage outside with props and the children can use their Hippo craft as a puppet.



GROUP TIME IDEAS

Perhaps you could have a group time Hungry Hippos game. Use some laundry baskets or baskets and plastic balls and the children can take in turns to race and collect the balls to put in the basket.



A road train carrying goods

BOOK SUGGESTIONS

There's a Hippopotamus on our roof eating cake, by Hazel Edwards

