

**RANGER
BUDDIES**



BABY MAMMALS EDITION



POST-SHOW RESOURCE



In this post-show activity, revisit the skills that zebra foals, capybara pups and leopard cubs need to learn, and discuss why they are important to them.

Read on to find out how to create a Baby Mammals Obstacle Course to help children recall these skills through playful movements. Refer to the guiding questions to facilitate a discussion on how these skills help baby animals to survive in their environments.

In this resource pack, you will find:

- 1. Activity: Baby Mammals Obstacle Course**
- 2. Class Discussion: Guiding Questions**

BABY MAMMALS OBSTACLE COURSE



Use the suggested materials and instructions to set up and facilitate an obstacle course activity to help students practise skills that some baby mammals must learn.



POUNCE LIKE A LEOPARD CUB

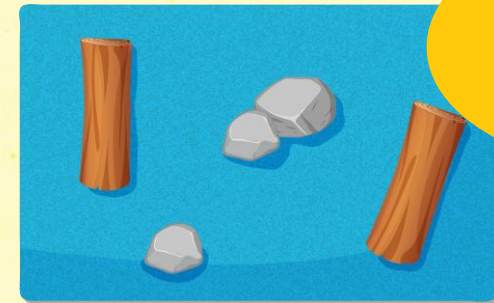
Place your hands and feet on the first set of pawprints, then pounce to the next!

BALANCE LIKE A ZEBRA FOAL

Go on all fours like a zebra foal. Place your hands and feet on the hoofprints to practise walking like a foal!

SWIM LIKE A CAPYBARA PUP

"Swim" through the water like a capybara pup and avoid the obstacles by moving left or right.



Create a river using a blue mat, then place props along the mat as obstacles.

DIG LIKE A MEERKAT PUP

Explore digging with your hands to search for hidden insects in the sand, just like a meerkat pup looking for food.



Fill tray with sand to hide toy insects and natural materials like twigs and rocks.

Print and laminate hoof and paw prints, and stick them to the floor.

CLASS DISCUSSION: GUIDING QUESTIONS



Use the guiding questions to reflect on how baby animals learn skills to survive in their environments.



BALANCE LIKE A ZEBRA FOAL

What might happen if a zebra foal cannot keep up with its herd?



POUNCE LIKE A LEOPARD CUB

How do you think play pouncing helps leopard cubs get better at hunting when they grow up?



SWIM LIKE A CAPYBARA PUP

How does learning to swim help a capybara cub survive better in its habitat?



DIG LIKE A MEERKAT PUP

Do you recall what skills a meerkat pup must learn while looking for food?
Why do you think each of these skills is important to the pup?