

Interesting Facts

Animal Body Covering	Animal Group Characteristics
Fur or Hair	Mammals feed their babies milk.
Dry Scales	Reptiles are ectothermic – solar powered!
Feathers	Birds have wings and lay eggs with hard shells.
Scales and Fins	Fish live in water breathe with gills.
Damp Smooth Skin	Amphibian means two ways of living. These animals can live on land or in water. They breathe with gills when they are young and breathe with lungs as an adult.
Hard Dry Skin or Shell	Invertebrate – means no back bone. Instead of having an inside skeleton to support their bodies these animals have hard dry skin (exoskeleton) or shell to support their bodies.

Some extra things to think about...

- First, choose your favourite animal in the Zoo
- What sort of skin covering does it have?
- Which animal group does the animal belong to?
- What type of habitat does the animal live in?
- How do you think the animal's body covering helps it to survive?
- Where does this animal come from in the wild?
- How do you think zoo keepers care for this animal at the Zoo?



OSHC Zoo Adventure

We've Got It Covered

Can you sort animals into groups just by looking at them?

As you explore the Zoo today;

- Look carefully at the animals
- Choose the ones you like
- Write their names on the check list
- Use clues in this booklet to discover which animal groups they belong to
- Put a tick in the matching column on the check list
- See how many animals you can put into groups

Your name:

