

Mammals in the Museum

Discovery Activity Sheet K-6

What is a mammal?

Mammals are animals that have fur, produce milk and are warm-blooded. Things like an echidna, kangaroo, koala, wombat, platypus, whale, dolphin, cow and even a human are all mammals! Mammals can live in many different environments- on the land, underground, in the air, in the tree tops and even underwater.

Let's make a mammal zoo!

Using craft supplies, and everyday household items like boxes and toilet rolls, let's create model animals that we would find in a zoo that specialises in mammals. You can recreate models of mammals that you have heard of before, or you can invent new species of mammals. If you decide to invent some new species, what things do they need to have that make them a mammal (hint- see above)? What mammals will you have from different environments (land, air, water, underground, in the trees, and at the poles)?

Before you start, you might like to brainstorm some ideas for your mammal creations below!