

Australian Animals Visual Story

Preparing for a Museum in a Van visit



My teacher has invited people from Melbourne Museum to my class to talk to us about Australian Animals.



On the day of the visit, my teacher will let me know that there will be visitors from the Melbourne Museum.

The day might be in a different order so we can fit the visit in, but my teacher will let me know if there are changes.



On the day of the visit, a person from Melbourne Museum will come to my

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in a big van. They will unpack their van and bring their objects inside.

The museum visitor may move the furniture around in the room to make space for all the new things.



When the visitor has set up and is ready, they will invite me and my classmates to sit down on the group time mat, where I have stories with my class.

The visitor will have lots of things to show me, some may be covered up, but soon I will be able to see everything.

They will talk about Australian animals.



The visitor will show me taxidermy animals. These animals are not alive, but they are real.

I might see taxidermy birds, koalas, echidnas, lizards and other Australian animals.

To look after them, it is important that we do not touch them yet. The visitor will let us know when it is okay to touch the animals.



The visitor might ask me to get up and move my body. I can choose if I would like to do this.



If I would like to ask a question, I can put my hand up. This helps us take turns.



While the visitor is speaking, it is okay if I need to get up to go to the toilet, get a drink of water, or stretch my legs.

I might like to have a fidget toy, my own chair, a teacher, or anything else with me that helps me concentrate.

If I need to, my teacher might ask me to play quietly elsewhere so that others can listen.

I can always come back and join the group when I want to.



After the visitor is finished talking, they will invite us up to touch the animals.

I do not have to touch them if I do not want to.

To look after the animals, it is important to touch them gently from the head to tail.

I may have to take turns and wait until my classmate is finished before I can touch the animal. Too many people touching the animals could hurt them.

Everyone will get a turn.



The visitor will let me know when it is time to pack up.

They will say goodbye, and they will start packing their van.