

Monkeys: Our Primate Family

Teachers' Notes



**We hope that you enjoy the Monkeys: Our Primate Family exhibition.
Here are a few hints and tips for you as you take your class around.**

Preparing for your visit:

The exhibition is displayed in Special Exhibition Gallery 1, which is located on Level 3 of the museum.

There are no toilets within the exhibition. The nearest toilets are on Level 3 between the *Making and Creating*, and *Technology by Design* galleries. You will need to leave the exhibition to access these.

Ear defenders are available from the exhibition desk.

You are welcome to take notes so feel free to bring in pencils and paper.

Please do not bring any food or drink into the exhibition.

For more information, please visit the exhibition page before your visit. <https://www.nms.ac.uk/exhibitions/monkeys-our-primate-family>

Important points for inside the exhibition:

Non-flash photography is allowed within the exhibition.

The exhibition may be busy, please consider splitting your class into smaller groups during your visit.

A soundscape accompanies this exhibition, please be aware of jungle noises as you move around the space.

Watch out! Our walls are not solid, they are made from stretched material. Take care and please do not lean on them.

The exhibition is spilt into five sections:

- **'What is a primate?'** looks at the primate family and human's place in it.
- **'Adapted for life'** looks at various adaptations including feeding and moving.
- **'Senses and communication'** focuses on how primates communicate with each other.
- **'Social climbers'** looks at social groups and learning.
- **'An uncertain future'** focuses on threats and conservation.

Activities in the exhibition

Throughout the exhibition you will find 11 fun fact posters on different primates. Challenge your class to find them all.

There are three stamp stations within the exhibition. At the first, just through the entrance door, you can collect a bookmark, which you can stamp as you go around. Please either take the bookmark home with you or put it in the recycling bins near each stamp station.

There are plenty of touchscreens to interact with as you go around.

You can identify the objects in the cases by looking at the fact files nearby on the wall. They have pictures to help you.

Text is accessible and suitable for children aged P4 and above. There are also large print labels available.

There are three areas to sit and watch short films. There is other seating within the exhibition. The Primates Today film has some scenes that pupils may find distressing.

All of our specimens have been ethically sourced for this exhibition.



After your visit:

Explore our Natural world galleries to see how many different primates you can find. <https://www.nms.ac.uk/national-museum-of-scotland/see-and-do/explore-the-galleries/natural-world>

As a follow up to your visit, back in class you could:

- Pick a primate that you saw today. Write a story about a day in their life.
- Think about the last part of the exhibition. Have a class discussion about how you can help to protect some of our most endangered primates.

Throughout the exhibition:



General Light levels are medium to low with some back light screens and spotlights



Areas with bright lights have been highlighted



Louder areas are highlighted

Ear defenders are available on request. Please ask a member of staff.

Content Warning

The exhibition contains skeletal remains.



'Primates Today' film contains distressing topics

Also highlighted:



Seating



Interactive or tactile display



Low light level



Large Print Labels

Hand-held book of exhibition labels. Please return after use.

During **Relaxed viewings** numbers are limited and where possible sounds are reduced or turned down. Visit www.nms.ac.uk/events/relaxed-morning to find out more.

