



Wild at Heart



Kids Nature
Club





Introduction

Welcome to Wild at Heart, where nature is the best teacher, and every child is a budding explorer!

Here at Wildlife Reimagined, we believe in the magic of nature as the ultimate playground for young explorers. Our mission is simple: to foster a deep connection between children and the natural world around them.

Participants in our Wild at Heart Kids Club are encouraged to unleash their imagination, get their hands dirty, and discover the wonders of nature firsthand. Whether it's building houses for insects, gazing at the clouds, or identifying different bird calls, every moment in our playgroup is a chance to learn, grow, and thrive.

Led by passionate guides who are experts in environmental education, our sessions are designed to be safe, engaging, and educational. Studies show that when children interact with natural materials and outdoor environments, they become calmer, more focused, and develop a keen sensory awareness. Our playgroup is also designed to be an explorative journey, providing a foundation for children to become confident, caring, and environmentally conscious individuals.

So join us as we embark on this exciting journey of discovery, where every week is a different adventure and the great outdoors is our classroom. Let's create memories, forge friendships, and inspire a future generation of nature lovers, one muddy footprint at a time.



Week 1: Through Nature's Eyes

Synopsis: This interactive segment offers a playful and educational exploration of animal vision, inspiring children to marvel at the incredible ways different species experience the world around them, from the eagle's sharp vision to the butterfly's UV-sensitive markers.

The following activities **may** be offered:

- Meet a variety of minibeasts that rely on their eyesight for sourcing food.
- Eye Anatomy: Children will discover how animals view the world using several simulations.
- Eye Spy: A nature-themed version of "I Spy" focusing on how animals use their vision to spot prey, predators, or mates.
- Vision Goggles: Children will create their own insect masks.

Location: Dulwa Beach

Note: Please dress appropriately for outdoor exploration, including comfortable clothes, closed-toe shoes, and sun protection. Be prepared to engage in hands-on activities that may involve gentle handling of minibeasts.



Week 2: Scent-sational

Synopsis: Dive into the aromatic world of animal noses, learning how different creatures use their extraordinary sense of smell to explore their environment, find food, and communicate. Discover how your sense of smell compares to the amazing noses of the animal kingdom.

The following activities **may** be offered:

- Meet a variety of minibeasts that use scent to their advantage.
- Leaf test: Learn how a Koala identifies its breakfast, lunch and dinner using its acute sense of smell.
- Olfactory Odyssey: Engage in a scent-filled scavenger hunt where kids use their noses to identify various scents hidden around the park.
- Palette playdough: learn how to make playdough from scratch and add scent to it.

Location: Weston Park

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Week 3: Call of the Wild

Synopsis: Come on a thrilling auditory adventure and unlock the secrets of the animal world through sound. Experience the magic of animal communication and immerse yourself in a world where every sound tells a story!

The following activities **may** be offered:

- Echo Explorations: Experiment with sound waves and echoes to understand how animals like dolphins and bats use echolocation.
- Sound Safari: take a guided walk through the wild listening out for and identifying the various sounds of nature.
- Musical Forest: Craft musical instruments inspired by animal calls, like bird whistles or frog croakers. Kids will use recycled materials and natural objects to create their own instruments, mimicking the sounds they've learned about.
- Bat and Bug: The goal of "Bat and Bug" is for the Bat to locate the bugs using echolocation while navigating through a designated play area.

Location: Black Mountain Peninsula

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Week 4: A Mouthful of Mystery

Synopsis: Embark on a delicious journey to uncover the secrets of how animals experience the world through their sense of taste! Dive into the fascinating ways animals taste their surroundings, from a snake ‘tasting’ the air for chemical cues from potential prey, mates, or predators, to the butterfly’s nectar-sipping proboscis.

The following activities **may** be offered:

- Meet some animals that rely on their sense of taste.
- Taste and Texture Exploration: Experiment with various textures and flavours using blindfolds to understand how touch and taste work together. Learn how animals like platypuses or pangolins use their sense of touch and taste to forage for food.
- Crafty Mouths Sensory Activity: Using everyday items, kids will learn how to mimic different animal’s mouth parts.
- Build-a-Mouth: Challenge kids to design and build their own unique mouth part using craft materials.

Location: Dulwa Beach

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Week 5: Feeling Fantastic



Synopsis: Journey into the wild to explore how animals navigate the world through their remarkable sense of touch! This week, we'll delve into the fascinating ways that animals use their sense of touch to find food, avoid danger, and interact with their environment.

The following activities **may** be offered:

- Meet a variety of animals that rely on their sense of touch.
- The String Walk: Children have to navigate their way through an obstacle course using their sense of touch to navigate their environment, similar to how a blind animal would experience the world.
- Sensory activity: Explore various types of materials like feathers, and fur, to feel different textures.
- Creepy Crawly Craft: Create artwork inspired by minibeasts using natural materials like leaves, pinecones, and twigs, fostering creativity and fine motor skills.

Location: Weston Park

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Week 6: Move & Groove

Synopsis: Join us for a series of activities that explore how animals move and stay balanced in their environments and discover how you can apply these skills to your own adventures.

The following activities **may** be offered:

- Animal Moves Challenge: Discover the unique ways animals move! From the graceful leaps of a kangaroo to the nimble climbs of a monkey, we'll mimic these movements through interactive games and exercises. See if you can hop like a frog or slither like a snake!
- Movement Scavenger Hunt: Embark on a scavenger hunt to find and observe animals in motion. Look for tracks, nests, or signs of movement in the natural world.
- Balance buddies: create a parrot to balance on your wrist.

Location: Black Mountain Peninsula

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