



Hove Park School
"Together We Achieve"

WELCOME TO HOVE PARK SCHOOL

MY NAME IS:

I CURRENTLY GO TO:

PRIMARY SCHOOL

MY TUTORS' NAMES ARE:

THE HOUSE I WILL BE IN IS CALLED:

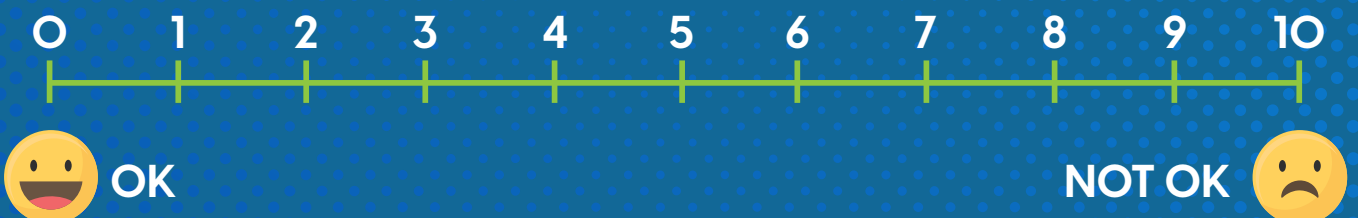
How do you feel about Starting Secondary School?

Highlight in green things you are looking forward to.

Highlight in Orange things you are worried about.

- Making new friends
- Learning a new timetable
- Lunchtime
- Having a different uniform
- Learning new subjects
- Getting to school
- Understanding the work
- Meeting new people
- Being bullied
- Homework
- Following school rules
- Meeting my new teachers
- Being with older pupils

Looking at the things you have highlighted above in orange, place them on the scale below.



Who do you talk to?

At your school now, circle the people you speak to when you are worried about things...

MY FRIEND

MY TEACHER

MY BROTHER
OR SISTER

MY PARENT
OR CARER

MY SOCIAL
WORKER

MY TEACHING
ASSISTANT

MY YOUTH
WORKER

MY LEARNING
MENTOR

At Hove Park there are lots of people you can speak to.
You can also speak to:

HEAD OF YEAR

HEAD OF
SAFEGUARDING

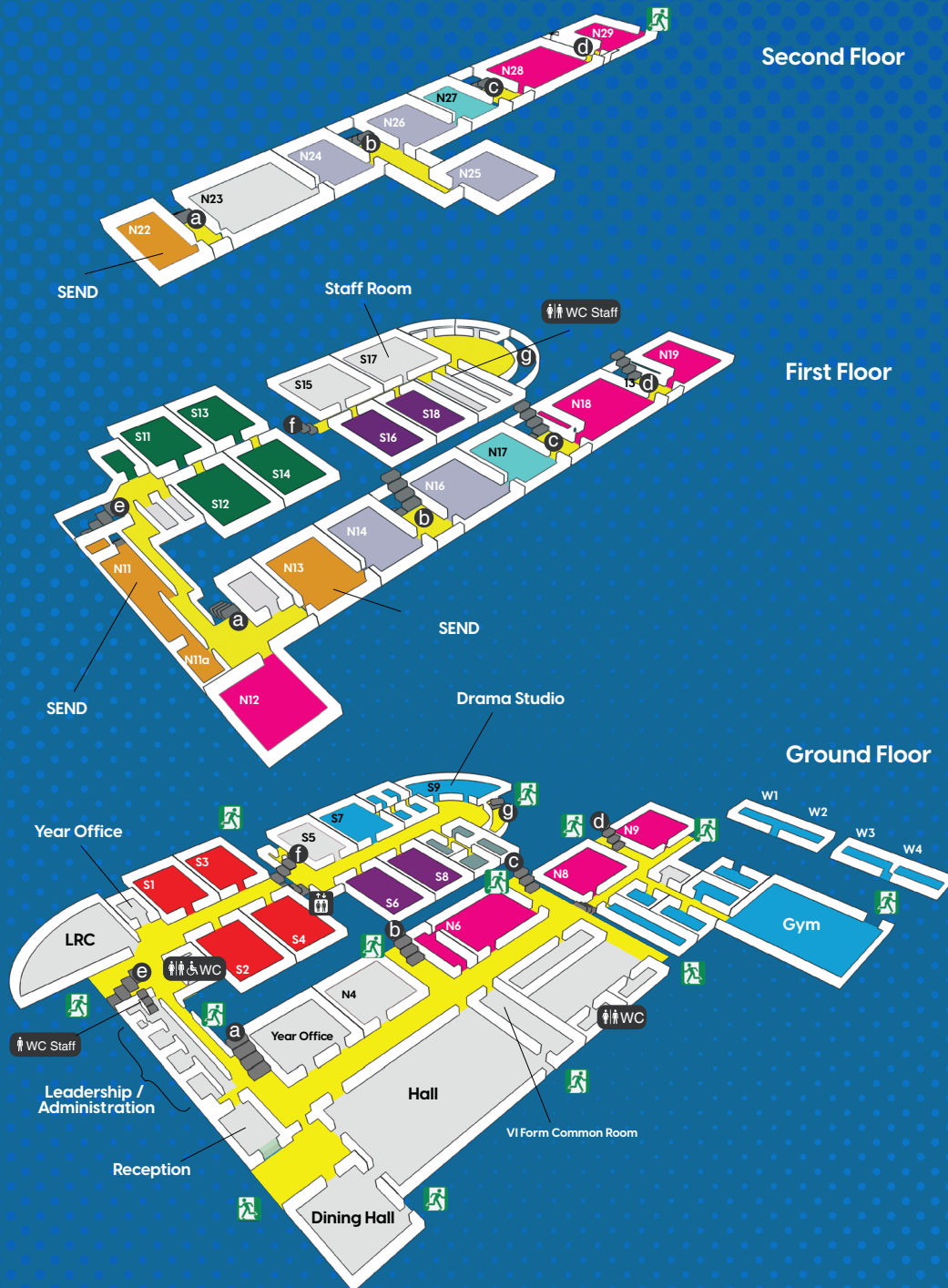
FORM TUTOR

ASSISTANT HEAD
OF YEAR

Finding your way around

Most year 6 pupils feel a bit worried about going to a big school because it looks like a maze! They worry about getting lost, or being late for a lesson because they're not sure of where the room is. A map can help because it shows you where all the different rooms are.

Valley Map



**Watch the Virtual Tour at
www.hovepark.org.uk/year-6-transition
and identify what you see from the list below**

TICK THE BOXES WHEN YOU SPOT THEM

ENGLISH CLASSROOM

MATHS CLASSROOM

THE MAIN OFFICE

SCIENCE CLASSROOM

THE YEAR 7 OFFICE

THE FIRST AID OFFICE

CANTEEN

3G PITCH

CULLUM CENTRE

What will my day look like at Hove Park school?

TIMETABLE

SCHOOL DAY 2025-2026	LESSON TIMES	
	START TIMES	END TIMES
Arrival	08:25	08:29
Tutorial + Learning For Life	08:30	08:55
Lesson 1	08:55	10:10
Morning Break	10:10	10:40
Lesson 2	10:40	11:55
Change over	11:55	12:00
Lesson 3	12:00	13:15
Afternoon Break	13:15	13:45
Lesson 4	13:45	15:00

WHAT LESSONS ARE YOU LOOKING FORWARD TO?

WHICH LESSONS DO YOU THINK WILL BE DIFFICULT?

WHAT NEW LESSONS WILL THERE BE AT SECONDARY SCHOOL THAT YOU HAVEN'T HAD BEFORE?

WHICH LESSONS DO YOU THINK YOU MIGHT NEED EXTRA HELP IN?

The School Uniform

SCHOOL UNIFORM

- School blazer with school badge
- Plain white cotton shirt and school tie
- School Jumper or cardiga (Optional)
- Plain black formail trailored school trousers with dark socks (Please note NO JEANS, NO CHINOS, NO TROUSERS WITH STUDS)
- Plain black pleated school skirt with white ankle socks or black tights
Hove Park School shorts with logo
- Plain, ALL BLACK SHOES.
- Please also note; no facial piercings, minimal make up and one stud earring per ear (all jewellery must be removed for PE)

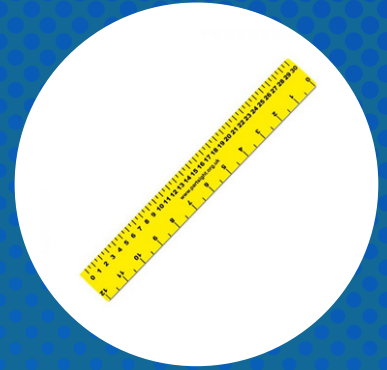
P.E. KIT

- Plain Navy Shorts / black leggings
- Half Zipped sweatshirt
- Navy HPS T shirt
- Football socks
- Rugby shirts
- Football boots (available to borrow)
- Sports Trainers
- Gum shield



Equipment List

- Pencil Case
- Blue, black, green pens
- Pencils
- Pencil Sharpener
- Coloured Pens/Pencils
- Highlighters
- Ruler
- Rubber
- Protractor
- Scientific Calculator
- Reading Book
- Headphones/Earphones
- Maths Set - protractor, set square & compass
- Water Bottle



Good sized bag to carry
all of this!

HOVE PARK HOUSES



OAK



REDWOOD



ELM



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HOW DO YOU GET A HOUSE POINT?



**OAK
HOUSE**



**REDWOOD
HOUSE**



**ELM
HOUSE**



We are Aspirational

Aiming High
Learning from Mistakes



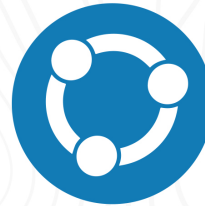
We are Respectful

Positive Attitude



We are Proud

Great work



We are Collaborative

Getting Involved
Working With Others



We are Responsible

Ready to Learn
Helping Others



We are Connected

Community/Learning
Beyond the Classroom
Innovative Use of Technology



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Question time

What questions do you have about starting secondary school?
Write your questions below and use transition day to find the answers.

Q. What do i do if I get lost?

A. Can you answer this one yourself?

Q.

A.

Q.

A.

Q.

A.

Q.

A.

Q.

A.

Q.

A.

Who do I ask if? Who do I tell if?

When you start a new school there are so many new things to learn. This includes, not just learning the names of new friends but also the names of teachers and staff around the school. You have a new Form Tutor and different teachers for all your subjects.

You might find yourself wondering, 'who do I ask about this or that?' and 'who do I tell if this or that happens?'

At the beginning of each day you have Learning for Life with your Form Tutor. You can ask your Form Tutor any questions you might have and tell them anything. If they don't have the answer, they can find the person who has the answer!

Write the name of your Form Tutor here:

Who do I ask if I don't understand something in a lesson or something happens during a lesson that I need to report?

Who do I tell if something happens during a break or a lunch time? Who do I ask if I would like to borrow some sports equipment for a break or a lunch time?

Where can I go if I need to speak to someone about anything?

What do I do if I need the toilet? What do I do if I am feeling ill?

What can I do if I am a little shy or nervous about talking to adults in person?

After School Organisation Planner

Human respond really well to having routine and building good habits, it is a really important part of secondary school. Here is a plan that can help you organise your time after school (and even at the weekend too if you want).

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
After School Clubs/Clubs							
When I get home from school	- Check my homework tasks on teams	- Check my homework tasks on teams	- Check my homework tasks on teams	- Check my homework tasks on teams	- Check my homework tasks on teams		
Before bed	- Get my school bag & uniform ready for school - Charge my iPad	- Get my school bag & uniform ready for school - Charge my iPad	- Get my school bag & uniform ready for school - Charge my iPad	- Get my school bag & uniform ready for school - Charge my iPad	- Get my school bag & uniform ready for school - Charge my iPad - Rest and relax		

Making Friends

Making friends is one of the most important things that you will do at secondary school. There's a good chance that some of the friends you make here will still be your friends in 50 years' time. So, how are you going to make all those friends?

Write down all the people you know will be in your tutor group here:

Think about the things that you are interested in and list them here:

Make a list of good qualities of a friend so you know what to look for:

List your good qualities eg good listener, kind etc

Organising Myself at Secondary School

There are a few things about secondary school that mean being organised is really important.

What things do you think you need to remember to bring with you each day for secondary school?

At Hove Park School we have a two-week timetable. What places would be good for you to keep a copy of your timetable? (We will give you several copies.)

When we have visited some of you in your primary schools there were lots of questions about homework. How can you help yourself to be more organised and ensure you complete your homework on time?

As you probably know, you will be getting an ipad in the Autumn term as an important tool for your learning. What things will be important for you to remember and organise for your ipad?

When starting at Hove Park School you have lots of new equipment, uniform and PE kit. Sometimes students lose items of clothing and equipment at school, what could you do to help people return items when they find them?

About Me

It is always really great for your Form Tutor, Year 7 Team and other staff to know a little bit more about you. So, this section of the book is ALL ABOUT YOU!

What is your full name? Do you have a preferred name? Do you have a nickname?

What Primary School did you used to go to?

Who do you live with? Do you have brothers and /or sisters?

What is your favourite colour?

Do you go to any clubs? Do you belong to any sports teams? Do you play a musical Instrument?

Where is the best place you have ever visited?

If you were an animal, what animal would you be?

On this page, design a crest that represents you. Use pictures, words, colours, and be as creative as you can.

Example:



Activities You Can Do Over Summer

The next part of this booklet has lots of activities for you to do over the summer holidays

BALLOON CAR

Equipment

- Cardboard
- Scissors
- A balloon
- 2 round sticks
- (try wooden BBQ skewers)
- 4 bottle lids of the same size
- Tape
- Straw
- Anything you want to add to customise your car!

Method

1) The car is made from the craft materials, using cardboard as your base.

2) Poke the bottle lids through with the sticks, to make 4 wheels. The challenge is to find a way to stop them flying off without stopping them spinning! Quite a challenge. Stick the cardboard base to your sticks.

3) Tape or glue a balloon on the top of the car – this is your wind-powered engine. Make sure you can either pump or blow the balloon up once it's fixed. A trick is to insert a straw into the balloon to make it easier to blow up.

4) Blow up the balloon and hold down the end so the air doesn't escape.

5) Take your car to a flat surface and let the balloon go – the air power should move your car along the track.

Follow these steps as a basic guide and if you find a snag, or a challenge, use it as an opportunity to problem solve and experiment. Can't get the balloon to blow up? Think about how the air is getting into the balloon. Can't get the wheels to turn? Think about how they're connected to the stick axels or whether there's enough air power to push the weight of your car



Create Your Own Comic Strip

Think about creating a comic strip based on one of the following titles:

- The Toxic Avenger
- The Beast That Ate the Earth
- I'm not a Plastic Bag
- How the Climate Change?
- The Last Orangutan
- The Heroes of the Sea
- Animals Awake

Or you could create a comic strip on one of the following topics:

- Your best/worst day at school
- Recreate your favourite story or song
- Design your own superhero and write about an adventure they have
- Raise awareness of an endangered species
- Your future self: what will you be like in 20 years time?

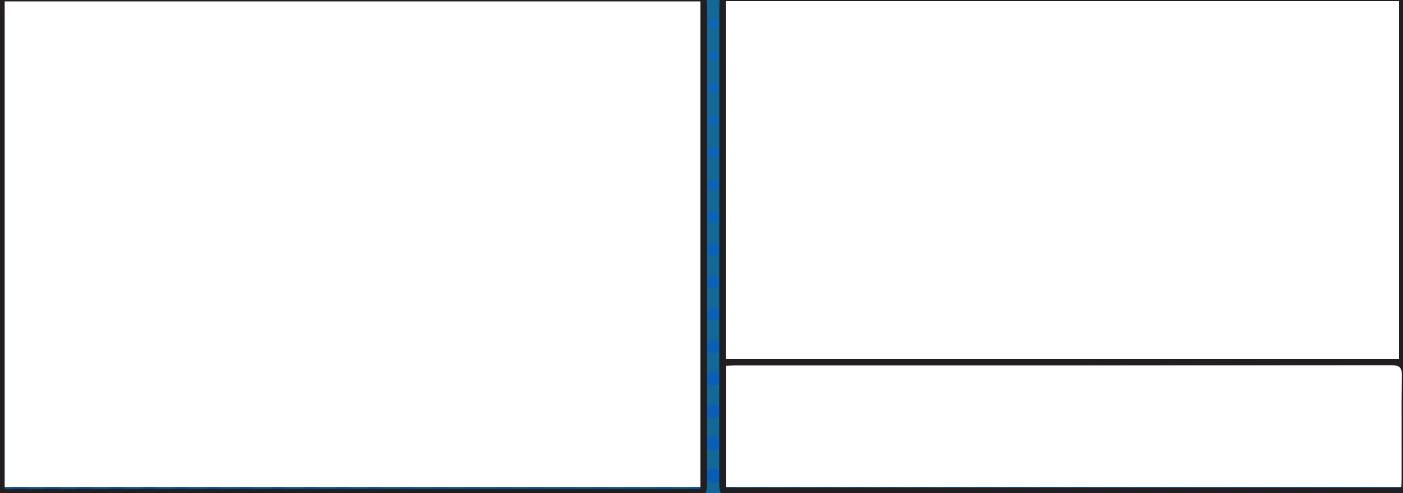
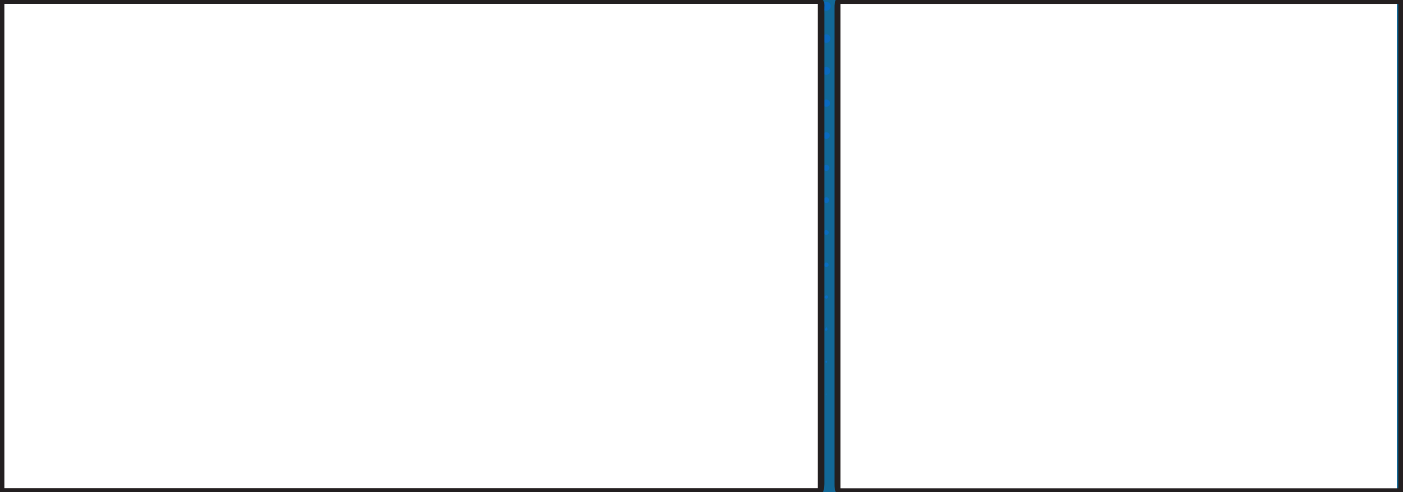
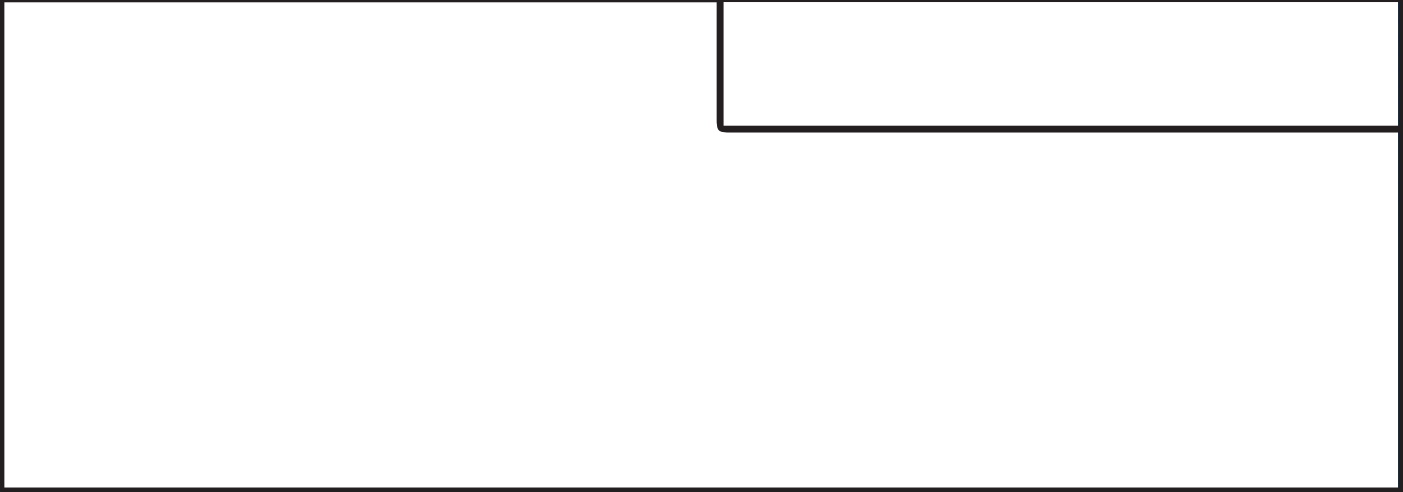
How to create a comic strip

You might find the following How to...? Video helpful

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zkgcwmn/articles/zbk47nb>

1. Write down all your ideas for your story and main characters.
2. Draw six frames/panels or you can use one of the templates.
3. Use simple illustrations and basic shapes to retell the story. Draw them in pencil to start with.
4. Add speech and lettering. You could also add in shapes like arrows or exclamation marks.
5. Add colour and pen to each panel.





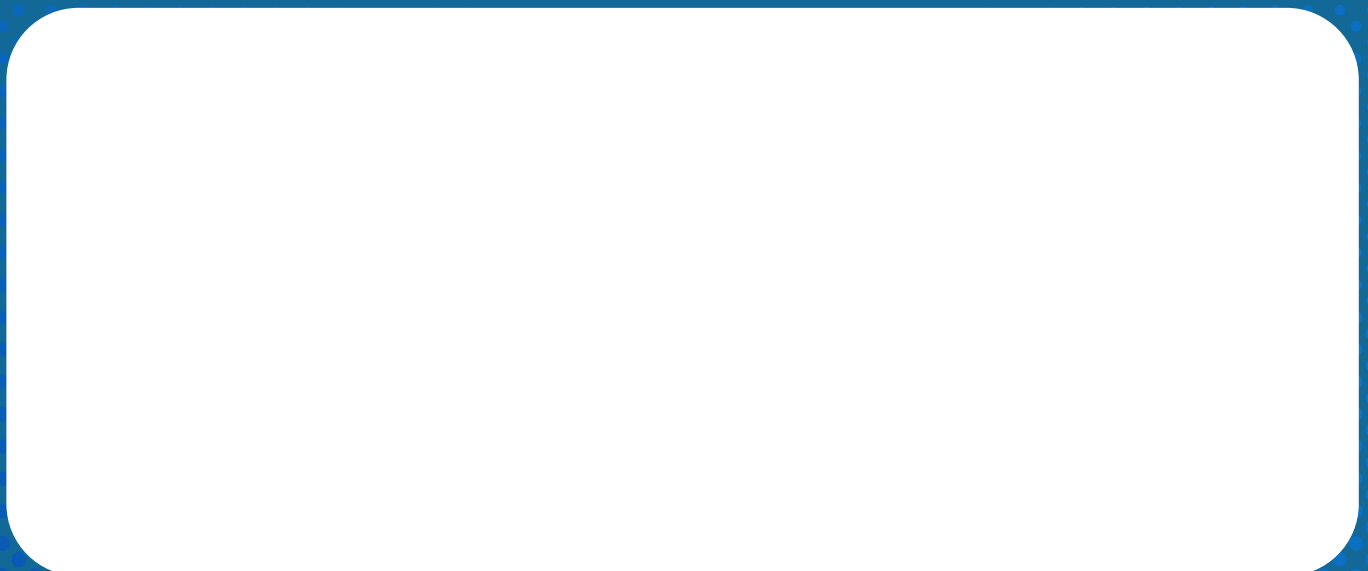


Drama Activity Sheet

Can you match the keyword to the correct definition?

Freeze	The cue word to start your performance
Mime	The backdrop and large stage furniture that show location
Audience	The cue word to tell you to be still and silent
Props	Silent acting using exaggerated body language
Set	The people who you are performing to
Action	Smaller personal objects that can be moved on and off stage

Design A Set showing One of the following Environments: The Ocean; The Rainforest; The Mountains



Letter to My Secondary School Tutor

You are going to write a letter to introduce your self to your tutor. You can use the sentence starters below to help structure your letter, remember to write using the correct letter form. You can type or handwrite your letter.

Dear (name of your tutor),

I hope you are well and looking forward to starting the new academic year.

I am looking forward to secondary school because.....

Eventhough, I am excited ab out starting secondary school, I am also nervous about starting because.....

My favourite thing about primary school was...

My friends would describe me as...

One thing that I'd really like you to know about me is...

I spend most of my time...

I hope to join an extra-curricular club for...

I hope to learn about...

I hope to feel proud of myself when...

I predict that by 2027...

I look forward to meeting you in September. Have a great summer!

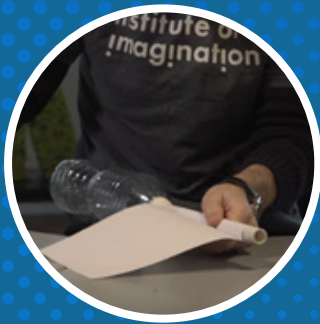
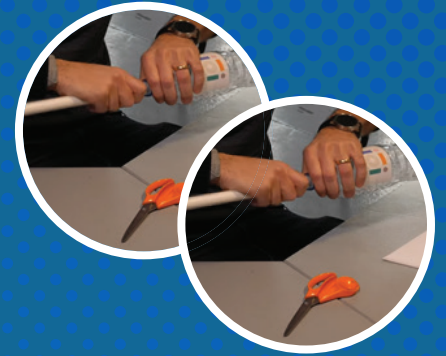
Yours sincerely,

Paper Rocket Launcher

Equipment

- Empty water bottle
- Cardboard tube or PVC pipe (you can try to roll a card and keep it in place with tape)
- Sellotape or electrical tape
- Scissors
- 3 x A4 pieces of paper

1 First put the PVC pipe or cardboard tube. Then use tape to keep the tube/pipe attached to the bottle.



To make the rocket, take your first sheet of paper and wrap it around the tube. Do it as tight as you can. Then take your second sheet of paper and wrap it around the first one. This one does not need to be as tight as the first one. **2**

3 Slide the second sheet of paper up about 1 cm above the pipe. Press the paper with your fingers to make the shape of the nose of your rocket and wrap it with tape.



Take the last sheet of paper and cut a large triangle. This will be the wings of your rocket. Put it on the top of the rocket. Be sure it is aligned and straight before taping it. **4**

5 To launch your rocket, press quickly and strongly the bottle in an upright position. The pressure will launch your rocket.



Here's some extra things to think about, so you can adapt the challenge and keep prototyping:

- What would happen to your rocket if you changed the bottle size or shape?
- How can you change your rocket launcher so that you can stamp on the bottle to make your rocket go higher?
- How can you change the shape of the wings to make your rocket more aerodynamic?
- What can you do to personalise your rocket with your own designs?

Rainbow Exercise Scavenger Hunt

RAINBOW FACT

A rainbow is sunlight spread out into an arc of colours and seen by your eyes when the sun shines through water droplets. If it was a particularly polluted day with a yellow sky, you would get a more yellow rainbow. The additional pollution particles change how the air scatters and absorbs different colors of light

RAINBOW EXERCISE SCAVENGER HUNT

**FIND 2 THINGS
THAT ARE RED**



**5 JUMPING
JACKS**

**FIND 2 THINGS
THAT ARE YELLOW**



5 PUSH-UPS

**FIND 2 THINGS
THAT ARE ORANGE**



**RUN IN PLACE FOR
30 SECONDS**

**FIND 2 THINGS
THAT ARE GREEN**



**DO YOUR FAVORITE
STRETCH FOR
15 SECONDS**

**FIND 2 THINGS
THAT ARE BLUE**



5 SIT-UPS

**FIND 2 THINGS
THAT ARE PURPLE**



5 SQUATS

Summer Reading Challenge

Read to the Beat!

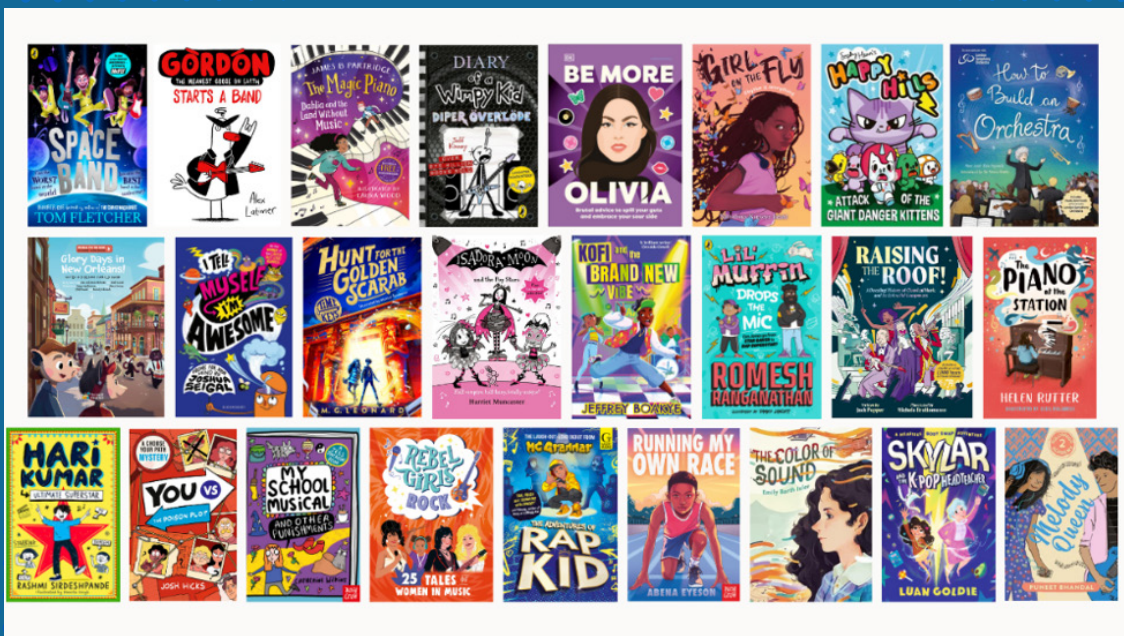
The 2026 Summer Reading Challenge is Read to the Beat, delivered by The Reading Agency in partnership with public libraries and powered by Universal Music Group UK. The theme inspires children to explore the connection between stories and songs, discovering how reading and music both ignite imagination and creativity. This year's Challenge is brought to life with illustrations by award-winning author and illustrator, Harry Woodgate, and will launch on 20 June in Scotland and 4 July in England and Wales.



Explore the Read to the Beat book collection

This year's official Read to the Beat book collection includes books about musicians, characters discovering music, sound science, cultural traditions, rhythm, storytelling through sound, breaking down barriers to music, creative expression and following your dreams.

[Read more](#)

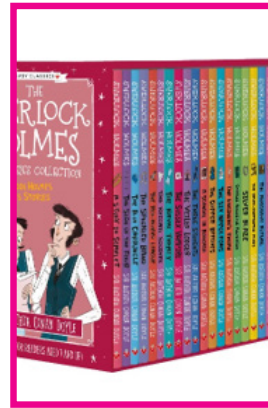


Recommended Reads



Hedgewitch Woodwitch

By Skye McKenna
Adventure/
Fantasy/ Magical



The Sherlock Holmes Children's Collection

By Sir Arthur Conan Doyle
Classic, Detective,
Adventure, Super-Sleuth



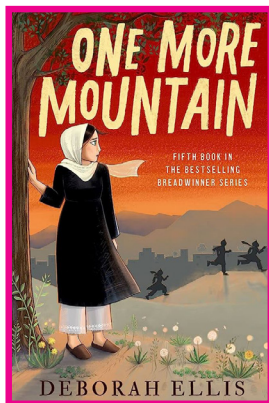
The Last Bear Series

By Hannah Gold
Adventure stories,
animal stories, ecological
and environmental
interest



Leila and the Blue Fox

By Kiran Millwood Hargrave
with Tom de Freston
Family Bonds, Climate
Change, Expeditions,
Migration



One More Mountain

By Deborah Ellis
Family/Friends/
Gritty Reads



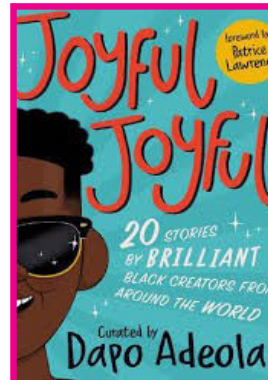
Our Beautiful Game

By Lou Kuenzler
Historical Fiction/
Football/ Sporting
Stories/War



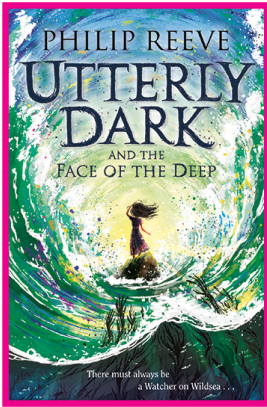
Bite Risk

By S.J. Wills
Science Fiction

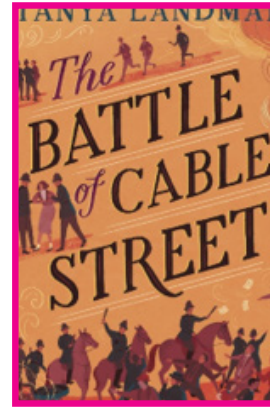


Joyful Joyful

By Dapo Adeola
Diversity, inclusion and
poetry



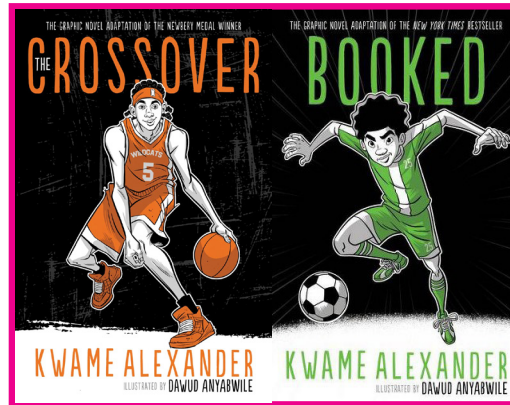
Utterly Dark
By Philip Reeve
Fantasy



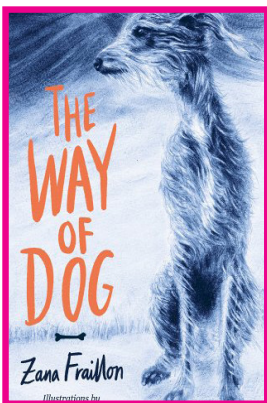
The Battle of Cable Street
By Tanya Landman
Dyslexic Friendly, Historical Fiction, Growing Up, War



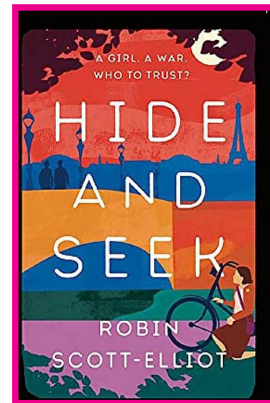
Nic Blake and the Remarkables: The Manifestor Prophecy
By Angie Thomas
Adventure/Fantasy/
Historical Fiction



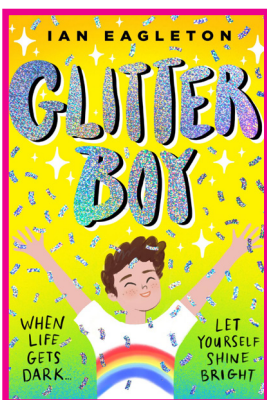
Booked Crossover Graphic Novel
By Kwame Alexander
Graphic Novel



The Way of Dog
By Zana Fraillon
Verse Novel, Growing Up, Loss, Friendship, Dogs



Hide and Seek
By Robin Scott-Elliott
War/Historical Fiction/
Adventure/ supports International Women's Day



Glitter Boy
By Ian Eagleton
LGBTQ+
Family/ Friends/
Relationships



Needle
By Patrice Lawrence
Gritty Reads
Dyslexic Friendly



**You Can Do It:
How to Find Your
Voice and Make a
Difference**

By Marcus Rashford

Non-Fiction
Football/Mental Health



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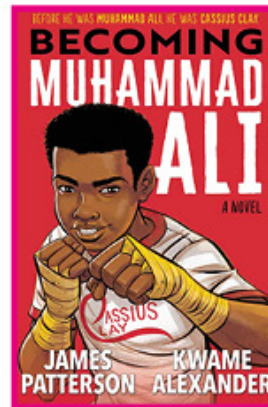
By Juno Dawson

Non-Fiction
LGBTQ+
Growing up
Sexuality/Relationships



**Growing Up Books:
Growing up for Boys
Growing up for Girls**

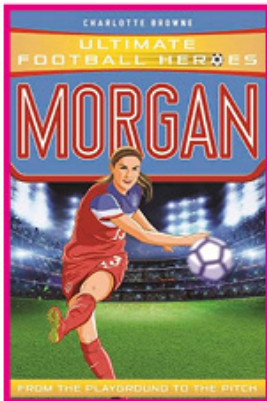
By Usborne Publishers
Non-Fiction
Growing Up



**Becoming
Muhammad Ali**

By James Patterson
and Kwame Alexander

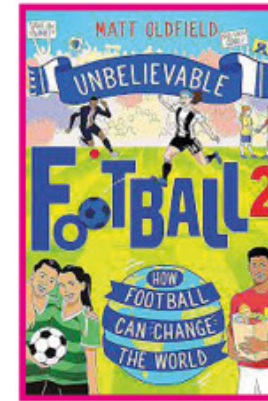
Non-Fiction
Growing Up
Racism
Boxing



**Ultimate Football
Heroes: Smith / Marta
/Morgan / Kirby/
Lionesses**

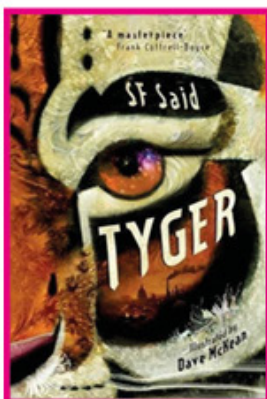
By Charlotte Browne

Non-Fiction Football



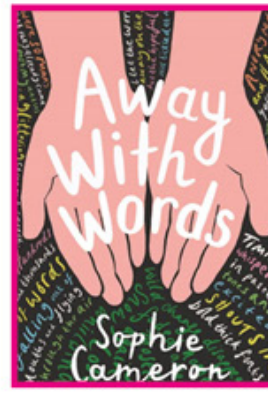
**Unbelievable Football
Unbelievable Football 2**

By Matt Oldfield
Non-Fiction
Football



Tyger

By S F Said
Dystopia, Fantasy,
Survival, Friendship,
Prejudice, Animals



**Away with
Words**

By Sophie Cameron
Friendship, Starting a
new school, LGBTQ+,
Language

READING FOR PLEASURE



At Hove Park School, we really value reading and try to help you become a lifelong reader. There are so many books to choose and so many ways to read. We will encourage you to read during our English Library lessons, by inviting you to use our school library resources, and by taking you on an e-Book (electronic book) reading journey on Sparx Reader.

Sparx Reader is for all our students – once they have an ipad. It is an on-line learning platform that you access via your ipad. You are given choices of e-Books that meet your reading ability and interests. You can unlock the Gold Reader pass too! If you find reading challenging, you can choose different fonts, colours and can use a ruler bar to help you read.

You will be told all about Sparx Reader once you are settled in school and have your ipad.

Animals of the African Savannah: Measurement Factsheet



Lion
(*Panthera leo*)

Height: 1.2 m
Length: 2.1 m
Weight: 195 kg



African elephant
(*Loxodonta africana*)

Height: 3.3 m
Length: 6.75 m
Weight: 6,000 kg



White rhinoceros
(*Ceratotherium simum*)

Height: 1.78 m
Length: 3.85 m
Weight: 2,300 kg



Hippopotamus
(*Hippopotamus amphibius*)

Height: 1.5 m
Length: 4.2 m
Weight: 2,400 kg



Leopard
(*Panthera pardus*)

Height: 0.63 m
Length: 1.45 m
Weight: 50 kg



Giraffe
(*Giraffa camelopardalis*)

Height: 5.3 m
Length: 4.25 m
Weight: 1,516 kg



Topi
(*Damaliscus lunatus*)

Height: 1.15 m
Length: 1.78 m
Weight: 118 kg



Brown hyaena
(*Hyaena brunnea*)

Height: 0.75 m
Length: 1.18 m
Weight: 48 kg



Plains zebra
(*Equus quagga*)

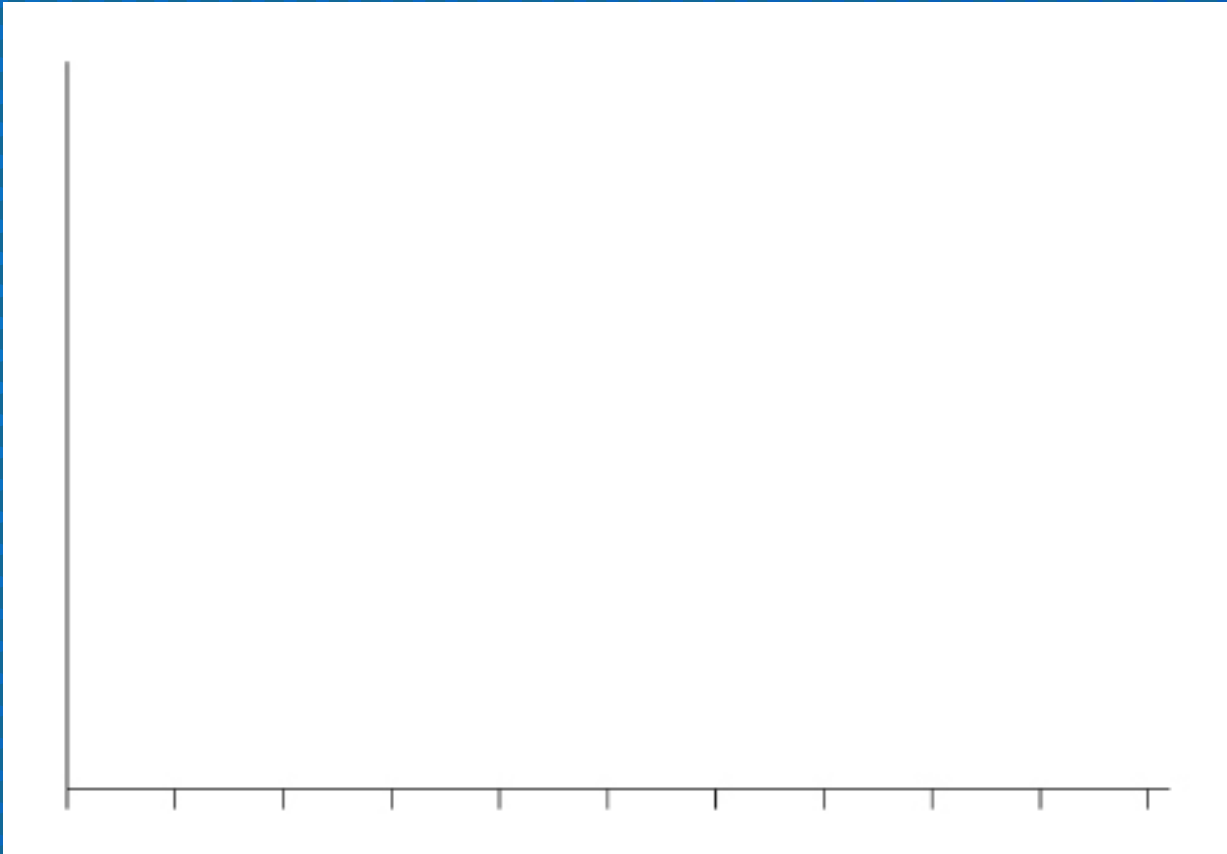
Height: 1.28 m
Length: 2.32 m
Weight: 280 kg

Handling Data: African Animal Maths Worksheet

1. Fill in the table below with the height, length and weight of each of the species on the 'Animals of the African Savannah: Measurement Factsheet'.
2. The measurements are given in metres (m). Can you convert them into centimetres (cm) and add them into the table?

	Height		Length		Weight
	Metres (m)	Centimetres (cm)	Metres (m)	Centimetres (cm)	Kilograms (kg)
African Elephant					
Hippopotamus					
Giraffe					
White Rhinoceros					
Plains Zebra					
Topi					
Brown Hyena					
Leopard					
Lion					

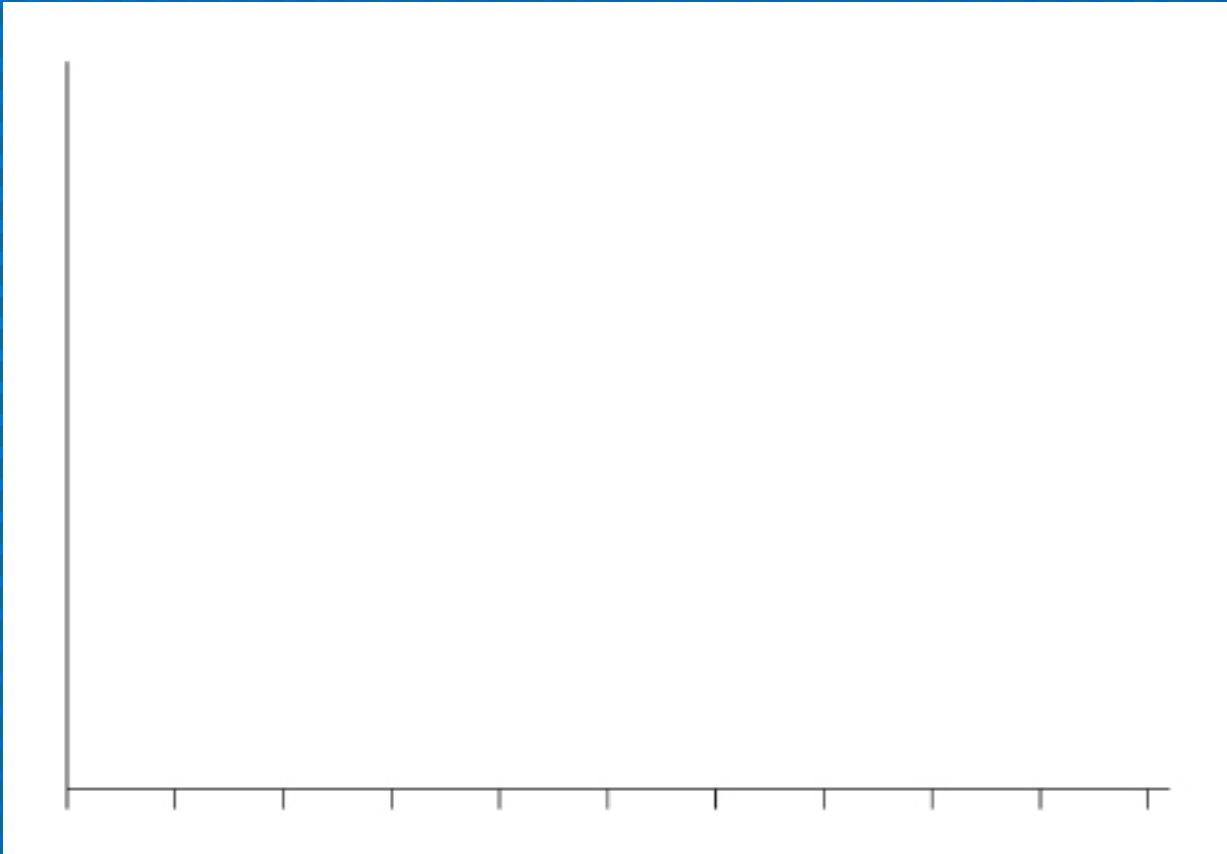
3. Draw a bar chart that shows the height of each animal on the factsheet. Think carefully about which measurement to use (m or cm) and don't forget to label your graph!



4. Look at the graph. What is the name of the tallest animal?

5. What is the name of the smallest animal?

6. Draw a bar chart that shows the length of each animal on the factsheet. Think carefully about which measurement to use (m or cm) and don't forget to label your graph!

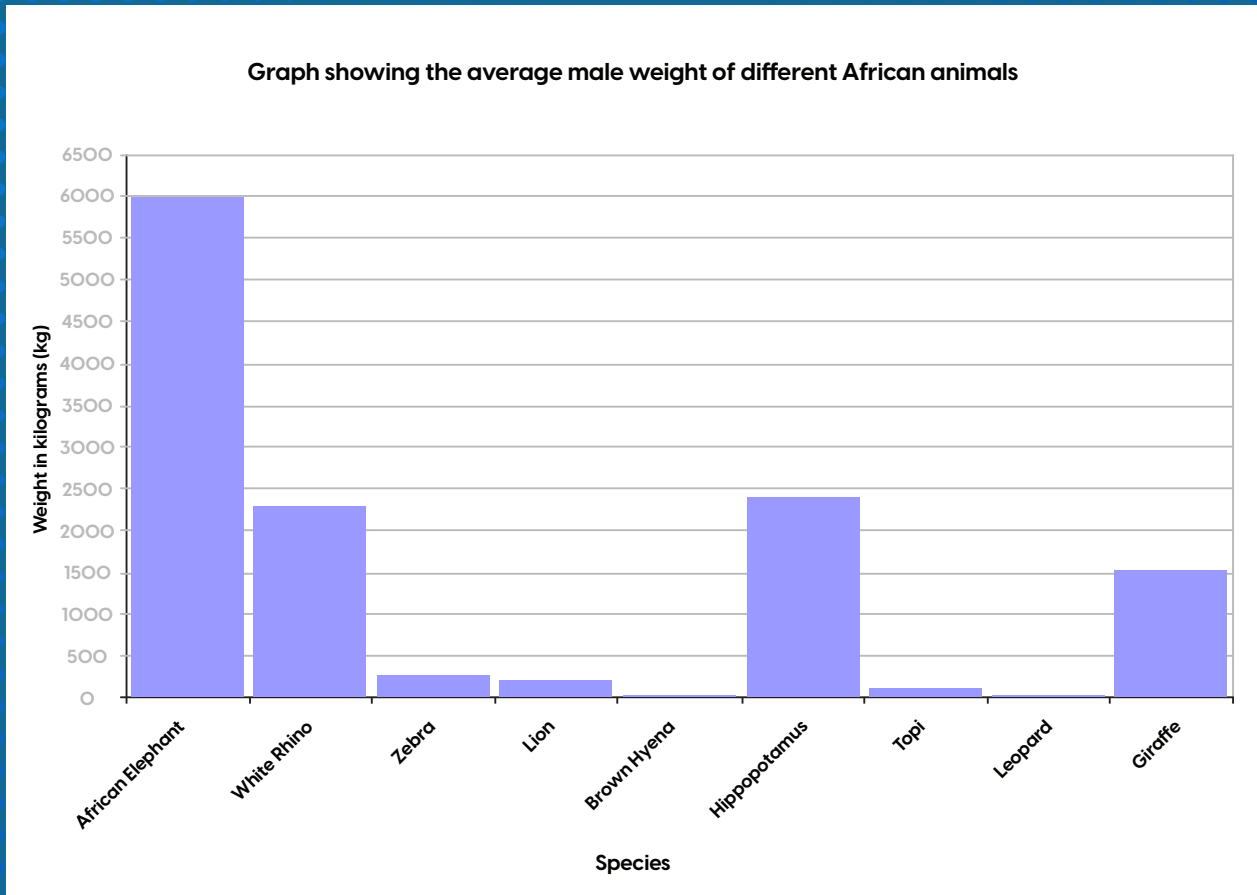


7. Look at the graph. Which animal is the longest?

8. Which animal is the shortest?

9. The graph below shows the weight (in kg) of some of the animals that live in the African savannah. Look at this graph carefully and write out at least five different questions that you could ask to help interpret this graph.

Make sure you answer the questions as well!



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