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# NATURE TOWN



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Nature Town is a diverse place and all of its residents are very different.

It's a boiling pot of different cultures, nationalities and traditions.

Despite this, these school friends have one thing in common: a passion for nature and the environment.

Join our eco-warriors as they tackle environmental issues head-on to help make Nature Town a better place to live.



## Tell us a story...

Using storytelling as a mechanism in teaching helps children make sense of issues and topics by engaging them in a narrative. It makes facts easier to remember and participants more open to learning.

Storytelling helps increase a child's knowledge of the subject area whilst also encouraging creativity, expanding vocabulary, increasing attention span and reinforcing morals.

INTRODUCING...

# BUNJI



WHITE'S TREE FROG

I'M EASY-GOING,  
FUN & FRIENDLY!

I go to school with my friends in Naturetown



G'day! I'm Bunji,  
the frog!

I'm from  
Australia!



# BUNJI

**I'm Bunji.**

The White's Tree Frog is from Australia. The name Bunji is an Aboriginal word meaning 'mate'.

**I'm fun, friendly and confident.**

White's green tree frogs are not bothered by people and are often encountered around kitchen sinks, baths or the toilet!

**I'm sociable and independent.**

These frogs are not aggressive and show little in the way of group structure. In the wild, White's Tree Frogs will live alone.

**I love water and swimming.**

These frogs absorb water through their skin, so they must always be kept damp.

**I love science and maths.**

Scientists studying frog's skin have discovered it has powerful antibacterial and antifungal properties.

My favourite subjects are science and technology!



I love swimming!

I LOVE SPORTS & THE OUTDOORS



BUT MY FAVOURITE TIME OF THE DAY IS DINNER TIME!

YUM!



And climbing trees!



SCAN FOR MORE INFO!



INTRODUCING...

# SIRO



ASIAN FOREST SCORPION

I'M INTUITIVE,  
QUIET & UNIQUE!



I go to school with my friends in Naturetown



Hey! I'm Siro the scorpion!

I'm from Asia!



# SIRO

### I'm Siro!

My name means 'glowing'. I'm from the tropical rainforest of Southeast Asia.

### I love the outdoors!

These scorpions spend their time on the forest floor, beneath logs and will even burrow into the soil.

### I can 'feel' the space around me.

Asian forest scorpions don't see well, so they rely on touch. Stiff hairs on their body are used to sense their environment.

### I can be a bit grumpy.

Asian forest scorpions have little venom but can be more aggressive than some other species of scorpions.

### I have difficulty making friends.

The Asian Forest scorpion is not a social animal and likes to be alone.

### I shine bright!

Scorpions glow brightly under ultraviolet light.

My favourite subject at school is Art & Design!



I LOVE SPENDING TIME OUTSIDE!



I love the forest!

BUT SOMETIMES I CAN BE A BIT GRUMPY...

I even glow in the dark!



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INTRODUCING...

# RILEY

RAT



Alright! I'm Riley, the rat!

I'm from Britain!

# RILEY

I'M SMART, FUN, STRONG & CARING!

I go to school with my friends in Naturetown



My favourite subject is history!

I can memorize a route after only following it once!

I LOVE GOING OUT TO EXPLORE!

BUT NOTHING BEATS A BIG MESSY BIN FULL OF FOOD!

YUM!

And I love my family!

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### I'm Riley!

The brown rat can be found almost everywhere in the UK and they are particularly common around cities.

### I love learning new things.

Rats have great memories and can remember a route in a maze. They have also been used to detect landmines and diagnose diseases such as tuberculosis.

### I'm not a fussy eater!

Brown rats will eat pretty much anything, from human food waste found in bins to small mammals.

### I love my Family.

Brown rats live in colonies and are one of the few rodents that maintains a social structure complete with leaders, assistant leaders, outcasts and rebels.

### I'm fun and love to play!

Rats love to play and make sounds similar to laughter when they are happy. And, like humans, rats can be ticklish.



INTRODUCING...

# BELLA



CHILEAN ROSE TARANTULA

I'M GENTLE, CALM  
QUIET & FRIENDLY!

I go to school with my  
friends in Naturetown



Hola! I'm Bella  
the tarantula!

I'm from  
Chile!



My favourite  
subject is  
geography!



I shed my hair!

I LOVE HAIR & BEAUTY!

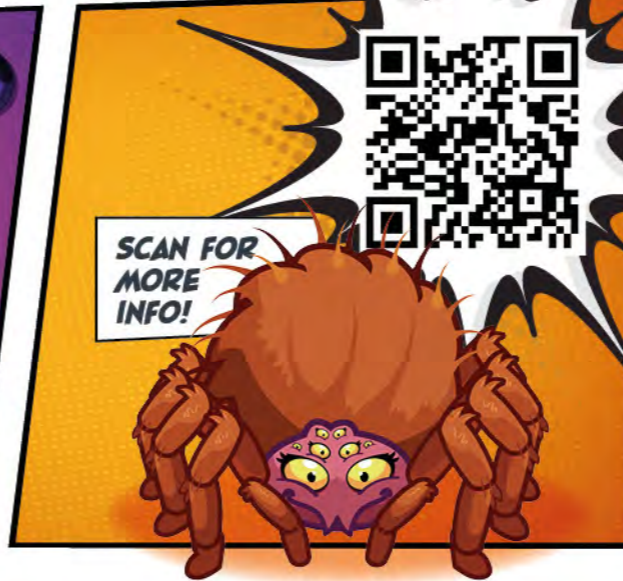


I love to dig!

MOST OF ALL I JUST LIKE  
TO HAVE SOME ME TIME!



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MORE  
INFO!



# BELLA

## I'm Bella!

The Chilean rose tarantula is from South America. Bella means 'beautiful' in Spanish.

## I'm calm & friendly.

Chilean rose tarantulas are generally quiet and calm animals.

## I love hair & beauty.

As they grow, a Chilean rose tarantula will shed their hair and moult their skin

## But I also like digging in the dirt.

These are the hardy ground-dwelling, burrowing spiders. They don't spin webs to catch their prey - they are ambush predators.

## I can get annoyed easily.

These spiders have small hairs covering their body which they can throw in defence. These cause itchiness and redness. Chilean rose tarantulas feed on a variety of invertebrates as well as small vertebrates like mice, frogs and lizards.



INTRODUCING...

# NINA



INDIAN STICK INSECT

I'M EASY-GOING  
PEACEFUL & FUN!



I go to school with my friends in Naturetown



Hiya! I'm Nina,  
the stick insect!

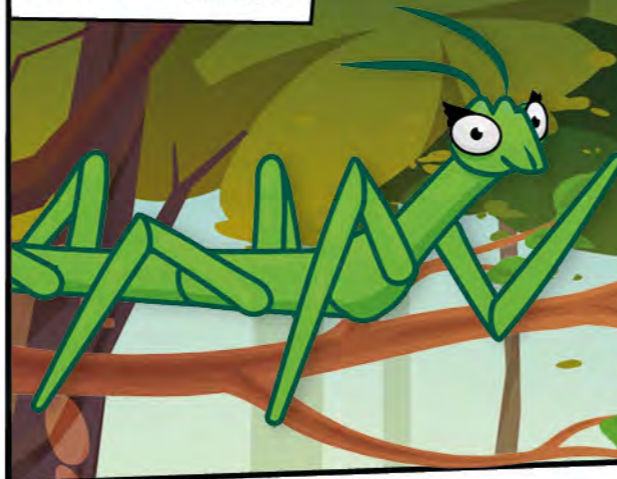
I'm from  
India!



My favourite  
subject is  
chemistry!



I LOVE TO DANCE!



I rock my body  
from side to side!

SOMETIMES PEOPLE CALL ME THE  
"LABORATORY STICK INSECT!"



Sometimes you'll  
catch me upside down!



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MORE  
INFO!



# NINA

## I'm Nina!

The name Nina means 'little girl'. Only around one in one thousand Indian stick insects is a male and the females are able to lay fertile eggs without mating.

## I love playing and adventure.

Stick Insects have a combination of suckers and claws on their feet, allowing them to walk up vertical surfaces and even upside down.

## I like to blend in.

Indian stick insects look almost identical to a stick in shape and colour. At night time they can become slightly darker than by day, helping them to blend in even better with their surroundings.

## But I love to dance!

Many species have a rocking motion, where the body sways from side to side, like leaves or twigs swaying in the breeze.



INTRODUCING...

# NORM



GIANT AFRICAN MILLIPEDE

Hello! I'm Norm, the millipede!

I'm from Africa!

# NORM

I'M RESERVED, GENTLE & HEALTHY!

I go to school with my friends in Naturetown



My favourite subject is maths!

$$y = x^2$$
$$\frac{x}{y} + \frac{y}{x}$$
$$\sqrt{\frac{5x}{y}}$$

I LOVE RECYCLING & LOOKING AFTER OUR PLANET!

I'm an eco warrior!



I like playing hide and seek!

AND I LOVE EATING REALLY HEALTHY FOOD!

YUM!



SCAN FOR MORE INFO!



### I'm from Africa!

The giant African millipede is the largest of all the millipede species and comes from the rainforests of Africa.

### I have a lot of legs and feet.

'Millipede' means "thousand-feet," though most giant African millipedes only have about 400 legs.

### I'm usually reserved and quiet.

Giant African millipedes have poor eyesight but they can feel with their antennae and their legs.

### When I'm nervous, I start to smell.

As a defence mechanism, a millipede will coil into a ball and produce a smelly fluid to detract any predators.

### I'm an eco-warrior & love recycling.

Millipedes eat nutrient-rich leaf litter from the forest floor. Their waste is full of helpful nutrients and helps new trees grow.





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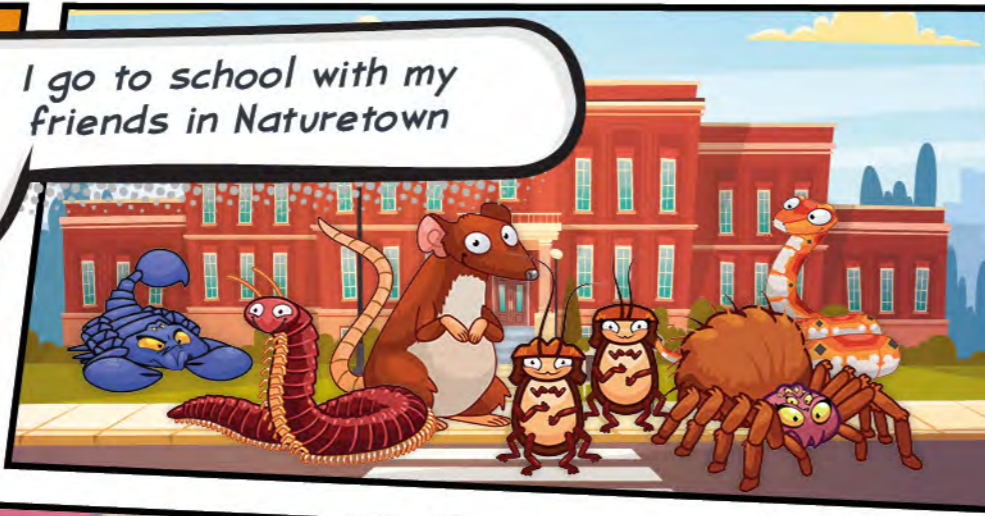
# PIA



LEOPARD GECKO

I'M EASY-GOING,  
SHY & ENDURING!

I go to school with my friends in Naturetown



Hello! I'm Pia,  
the gecko!

I'm from  
South Asia!



My favourite  
subject is  
music!



I LOVE TO SING & MAKE  
DIFFERENT NOISES!

\*CLICK!\*



BUT I'M SUPER FRIENDLY &  
EASY TO GET ALONG WITH!



Sometimes I  
get stressed!

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MORE  
INFO!



# PIA

## I'm Pia!

My name means 'beloved'. I'm from the arid, rocky grasslands of Asia.

## I'm easy going and friendly.

These little lizards are charming and easy to care for.

## But I talk a lot!

Leopard geckos make a squeaking noise when they're happy, but when it's unhappy, scared, or hungry you'll hear a bird-like chirp.

## I can adapt to any situation.

A Leopard gecko's tail detaches if it's bitten or caught on something. This allows the animal to get away from danger quickly. The tail also stores fat which can be used as food.

## I don't like the outdoors!

Leopard Geckos are not good climbers - other geckos have sticky pads on their feet so they can climb a variety of surfaces, but Leopard Geckos have small claws instead.



INTRODUCING...

# SCOUT

CORN SNAKE



I'M OUTGOING,  
KIND & SPORTY!



I go to school with my friends in Naturetown



Hi! I'm Scout,  
the snake!

I'm from  
America!



My favourite  
subject is  
P.E!



I LOVE SPORTS  
& THE OUTDOORS



Let's go on  
an adventure!



JUST WATCH OUT... I'M A  
BIT OF A MESSY EATER!



Sometimes you'll find  
me climbing trees!

YUM!



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# SCOUT

## I'm from America

Corn snakes come from the United States of America and live in corn fields.

## I love making new friends.

Corn snakes are non-venomous, naturally curious and friendly.

## I'm bold and loud!

They are usually orange or dark yellow in colour. Unfortunately, due to their bright markings, they often get mistaken for venomous snakes.

## I love adventure.

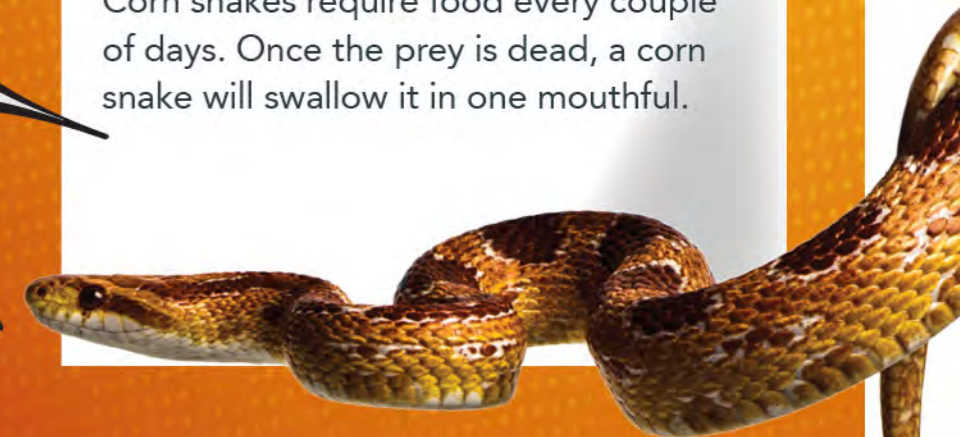
When they are not searching for food, corn snakes are hiding in underground burrows or climbing up the trees.

## I'm strong and athletic.

Corn snakes are constrictors. They wrap their body around the victim and squeeze it using all their muscles.

## But I have bad table manners.

Corn snakes require food every couple of days. Once the prey is dead, a corn snake will swallow it in one mouthful.



INTRODUCING...

# SLO MO



GIANT AFRICAN LAND SNAIL

Hey! I'm Slo Mo, the Snail!

I'm from Africa!

# SLO MO

I'M BIG, SLOW & A LITTLE BIT CLUMSY!

I go to school with my friends in Naturetown



### I'm from Africa!

Giant African land snails live on the forest floor and in damp places.

### I'm big & clumsy.

It is one of the largest snails in the world! They have a "muscular foot" that helps them move. It releases slime to help it slide about.

### I'm always hungry.

The giant African land snail eats everything from flowers to seaweed and sometimes even other snails!

### I love science.

Snail slime offers a great result when used on human skin because it moisturises the face and keeps it rejuvenated.

### My pronouns are 'they/them'.

Giant African land snails are neither male or female.

My favourite subject is Biology!

I LOVE TO TRY MY BEST AT EVERYTHING!

Slow and steady wins the race!



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I'm shy but i'm a great friend!

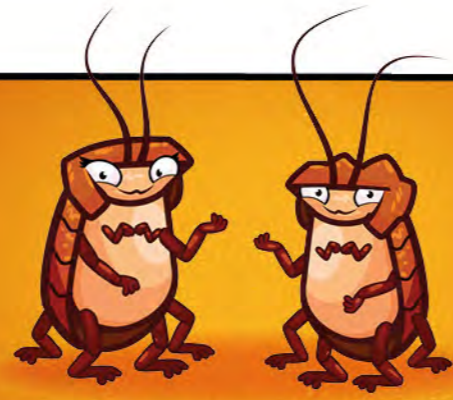
AND MOST OF ALL... I LOVE EATING FOOD!

YUM!



INTRODUCING...

# LALA & LULU



MADAGASCAR HISSING COCKROACHES

WE'RE OUTGOING,  
KIND & NOISY!



We go to school with our friends in Naturetown



Hi! I'm Lala,  
the Cockroach!

And I'm  
Lulu!

We're from  
Madagascar!



# LALA & LULU

**We're twins from Madagascar!**

Madagascar hissing cockroaches can give birth to as many as 60 babies at a time.

**We can be outgoing and loud.**

Madagascar hissing cockroaches exhale air through breathing holes on it's body to make a 'hiss' sound. They even have different hisses; one is for male combat, two are for courting and the last is an alarm hiss to ward off predators

**We do our part for the environment**

They eat anything, from decaying plant material to animal carcasses, and then recycle nutrients back into the ecosystem.

**We can be boisterous!**

When defending their territory, these cockroaches will hiss, push, shove, and stand on their "toes" to show who's boss. The male that is larger and hisses more usually wins.

Our favourite  
subject is  
woodwork!



WE LIKE TO BE  
ECO FRIENDLY!

We love to recycle!



And I like to wrestle!



BUT FAMILY IS THE MOST  
IMPORTANT THING TO US!



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# Hi, we're ZooLab!

The UK's #1 for ethical animal encounters.



The early development of a child is a crucial phase where they discover the world.

Our Early Years workshops motivate and stimulate young children to help them grow through active learning and storytelling.

ZooLab workshops engage learners in a safe, secure, and stimulating environment under the supervision and guidance of our expert Rangers.

## Meet the animal team!

### White's Tree Frog

Scientific Name:

*Litoria caerulea*

Class: Amphibian



### Chilean Rose Tarantula

Scientific Name:

*Grammostola rosea*

Class: Arachnid



### Corn Snake

Scientific Name:

*Pantherophis guttatus*

Class: Reptilia



### Giant African Land Snail

Scientific Name:

*Achatina fulica*

Class: Gastropod



### Rat

Scientific Name:

*Rattus norvegicus*

Class: Rattus



Meet all of our exotic animal team!

Scan the QR code to find out more!

## Meet the Rangers!

Name:

Anna French

Licence Number:

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After breakfast, I check on all my lovely critters and get them prepared for the day ahead. Then, I pack them in the car and hit the road.

My favourite part of being a Ranger is getting to meet so many people and sharing all the weird and wonderful facts about our animals.

We teach at nurseries, schools and care homes, so the range of people we get to interact with is enormous!

In the evenings, I'll make sure my animals are cozy and warm back in their enclosures, turn off their lights and say goodnight, all ready for another day as a Zoolab Ranger.

My favourite character is Scout the corn snake. Scout always gets a great reaction from the audience and he comes from America just like me!

All our Rangers are licenced!

Scan the QR code to meet the humans!



We have over 20 years of experience



We offer a tried and trusted product which we continually revise and develop. Our workshop experiences are designed to hit key curriculum outcomes.

We've got rangers all over the UK



We have Rangers across the UK, so no matter where you are, we've got you covered.

Weather permitting, we can work both inside or out. No hassle, no fuss.

We are an ethical organisation



We love our animals and their welfare is paramount. Our animals are healthy, happy and well-adjusted. We always encourage them to display their natural behaviours.

We practise what we preach



From local projects such as World Clean Up Day, to global issues such as rhino poaching in South Africa, we like to give back!

## Check out our Storybook workshops!



### Ben In The Glen

EYFS, KS1. Early Years, First Stage. Ages 3 - 7.

Follow Ben through his home in the glen as he explores the changes of the seasons and the variety of wildlife we see at different times of year.

As Ben learns about the world around him, he records his findings in his nature book. You even get to be up-close and hands-on with some ZooLab animals!



### Naturetown

EYFS, KS1. Early Years, First Stage. Ages 3 - 7.

Naturetown' is a rhyming adventure, following eco-warriors in a crusade to help their local wildlife - investigating issues of pollution, deforestation and litter.

Never before has environmental learning been so important and the time to act is now. Learn how we can protect and care for our animal friends.



### Morpho The Munching Millipede

EYFS, KS1. Early Years, First Stage. Ages 3 - 7.

Follow 'Morpho the Munching Millipede' as he travels through a week-long adventure, meeting a variety of exciting and interesting ZooLab animals.

Through repetition & participation, this workshop introduces concepts of literacy, numeracy, sharing and healthy eating friends.

## We're educational and resourceful!

The fun doesn't end after your ZooLab visit - all of our workshops come with a FREE printer friendly resource pack with colouring-in, activities and games.

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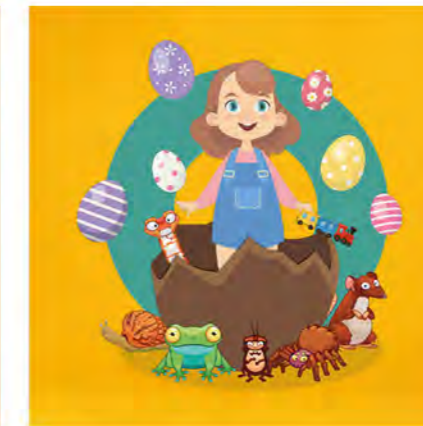


### Henry's Senses

EYFS, KS1. Early Years, First Stage. Ages 3 - 7.

Our story is about Henry, whose hobby is to learn about all the animals that he meets!

Exploring habitats, big and small, Henry learns about senses and how animals use them with their surroundings. Children will be able to have an opportunity to explore senses with some members of ZooLab's animal team.



### Jane's Egg

EYFS, KS1. Early Years, First Stage. Ages 3 - 7.

This egg-citing storybook follows our lead character, Jane, on a chocolate egg hunt.

Along the way, she spies a series of eggs... could they be her chocolate prize? Perhaps they belong to some of ZooLab's amazing animal team? If they do, we learn to leave them alone and let them hatch out.



### The Last Present

EYFS, KS1. Early Years, First Stage. Ages 3 - 7.

Join Father Christmas as he searches for the recipient of some undelivered presents. He visits the homes of our animal friends to see their habitats.

**JUNGLE DRUM!**

## Listen to us bang our Jungle Drum!

In our new podcast, our ZooLab Rangers take us on an audio safari as we explore and discover the natural world and all it's contents.

From human evolution to climate revolution, we've got you covered.

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Scan for a full list of our EYFS workshops

# We're wild about storytelling!

ZooLab is the UK's #1 for ethical hands-on animal encounters.

We have a national network of ZooLab Rangers, each with their own 'animal team' who work closely with EYFS, schools and in the care sector to achieve learning outcomes, engage people and to entertain through our unique animal handling workshops.



## SuperCamps

"The session was a huge success! The animals helped bring the story to life and gave our visitors an experience they won't forget!"



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