

Donkey Project!

Jump right in to the world of the donkey with this fun multi-subject project!



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SANCTUARY



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Don't forget to ask the
Donkey Sanctuary staff
questions too!



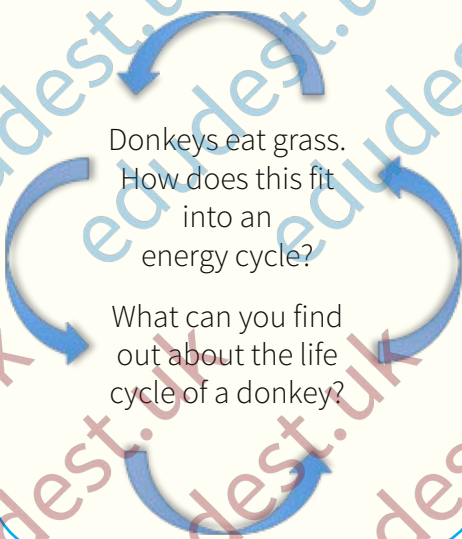
Find a donkey you would like to draw.
Using a pencil make a careful sketch.
If you find the body hard to draw you
could just draw the head and neck,
concentrating on the details.

Donkey Tales

Look around and make
notes for ideas to
include in a story about
a donkey.

You will write it
up back in the
classroom.

Donkey Cycles



Donkeys eat grass.
How does this fit
into an
energy cycle?

What can you find
out about the life
cycle of a donkey?

What number facts can you find?

Donkeys need lots of room to run
around.

You can estimate the size of one of
the paddocks. Measure the length (L)
and width (W) by counting the gaps
between the posts.

Estimate the length of the gap in
metres.

$$\text{Area} = W \times L$$

In the Past

Collect facts about the
past.

This could be about the Sanctuary,
individual donkeys or how donkeys
were used in the past as work
animals.



Sketch a donkey

Practice Space

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Maths Investigation of number facts

Find out as many number facts as you can.

e.g. How many donkeys are there?

Are there a greater number of grey or brown?

Write the facts in sentences:

There are _____ donkeys in total.

There are _____ old donkeys.

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WORD BANK

More than, fewer, greater, number, adoption, costs, males, females, miniature, kilograms.

Harder Maths Investigation

Width of paddock

Number of gaps between fence posts

$W = \text{_____ gaps}$

Length of paddock

Number of gaps between fence posts

$L = \text{_____ gaps}$

The area of the paddock is $W \times L$

Area = _____ square gaps

One gap = _____ m

So

$W = \text{_____ m}$

$L = \text{_____ m}$

$W \times L = \text{Area}$

Area = _____ m²

Donkey Tales

Make notes for your story

Which donkey will your story be about?

What does this donkey look like?

What does he/she like doing?

What will happen to your donkey in the story?

How will your story end?

In the Past

What can you find out about the past?

Find out about the beginnings of the I.W. Donkey Sanctuary.

Find out about the past of one of the donkeys at the Sanctuary.

What work were donkeys used for in the past?



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Donkey Energy Cycle

Donkey Life Cycle

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Find out the answers to these questions:

What is a male donkey called? _____

What is a female donkey called? _____

What is a baby donkey called? _____

What is a mule? _____

What is the scientific difference between a donkey and a horse? _____



Below, and on the next page, you will find ideas for post-visit projects!
You may be able to choose activities or your teacher may decide which you will do.



Maths Ideas

Board Game L & H

In pairs, create a board game about the Sanctuary that helps you practise maths skills while you are playing it.

Draw the board onto a double page spread in your book, then write the instructions on the following page.

Drawing to scale H

Draw a scale model of the paddock you measured while on the visit.

Record the measurements and calculations in your book.

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E.g. There is a total of 90 donkeys

There are 8 adoption donkeys.

This means that 82 donkeys are not up for adoption. ($90 - 8 = 82$)

Science Ideas

Cycles

Check the cycles that you drew on your visit. There was an energy cycle and a life cycle.

Draw them carefully into your book with labels and drawings.

Body parts

Draw a donkey, or trace the outline, then label the body parts.

Art Ideas

Pencil sketch

You have already made a sketch on your visit.

If you are happy with it, stick the sketch into your book.

If not, you could try again using pictures to help you.

Charcoal

Try making a drawing using charcoal and chalk for shading.

Wax resist

Try using black and white wax crayon with a grey or light brown watery paint wash.

Media Studies

Investigate donkeys in the media.

Consider the characters of the donkeys. Is there a pattern/ stereotype?

Literacy Ideas

Donkey Tales

Using what you know, mixed with a little imagination, write a story about a donkey's adventure. You can choose a particular donkey that you remember from your visit.

The story should be entertaining for a young child to have read to them. You will need to think about little details to describe what happens in your story.

Acrostic Poem

Write a poem about a donkey with each line beginning with the letters that spell DONKEY. Think carefully about the words you choose.

Non-Fiction

Write a letter to the I.W. Donkey Sanctuary telling them about your trip and your opinion of the work they are doing.

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Donkeys at Work

Use a mixture of different resources to find out what work donkeys used to do in the past. Use pictures and captions in your book to write about this.

Consider why we don't see donkeys doing these tasks now?

Sad Stories

You may have discovered a sad story about one of the donkeys at the Sanctuary. Write up this story. You could write it from the donkey's point of view.

Religious Education

Find out about donkeys at the time of Jesus.

Geography Ideas

Donkeys around the World

Donkeys are still used for work in many countries around the world.

Find out what countries use donkeys and what they are used for.

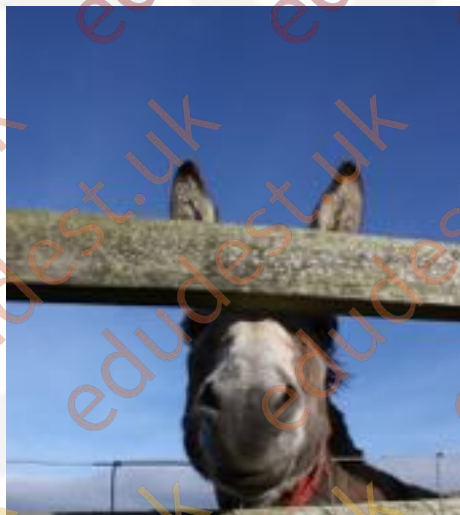
Record your findings in your book.

You could mark the countries on a map of the world.

These are only suggestions of ideas. You may have some ideas of your own.

Ask your teacher if you think you have a good idea.

Donkey Facts



Donkeys originated in the African Desert and are descended from the African Wild Ass.

The African Wild Ass is one of the most endangered animals in the world.

The Irish and Welsh donkeys have adapted to the colder, damper conditions by growing a thick, long coat, which sheds in the warmer months. They have also remained fairly small – typically ranging from 90cm to 100cm at the shoulder.

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Donkeys are very affectionate animals and enjoy the companionship of people. Donkeys need companions or they will become very depressed.

Donkeys can live for 25 to 35 years of age, although it is not unusual for a well kept donkey to live to be 50.

A donkey is stronger than a horse of the same size and can easily carry 30% of their body weight in live load and 20% in dead weight.

Donkeys have an incredible memory – they can recognize areas and other donkeys they were with up to 25 years ago.

Donkeys have a reputation for being stubborn, however, they are not so much stubborn as they have a highly developed sense of self preservation. It is difficult to force or frighten a donkey into doing something it sees as dangerous or something it feels it ought not to do.

In the desert environment a donkey is able to hear the call of another donkey 60 miles away.

They have far larger ears than horses. Their large ears also help keep them cool.

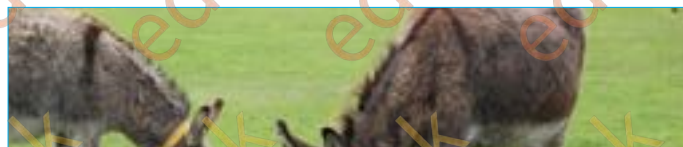
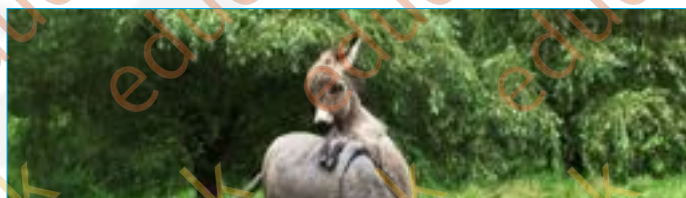
The donkey is the oldest domesticated animal in the world.

Images for use in life cycle of a donkey



- ▶ First, cut out the images.
- ▶ Arrange them in the correct order for the life cycle of a donkey
- ▶ Finally, add a caption for each picture.

The keywords below will help you.

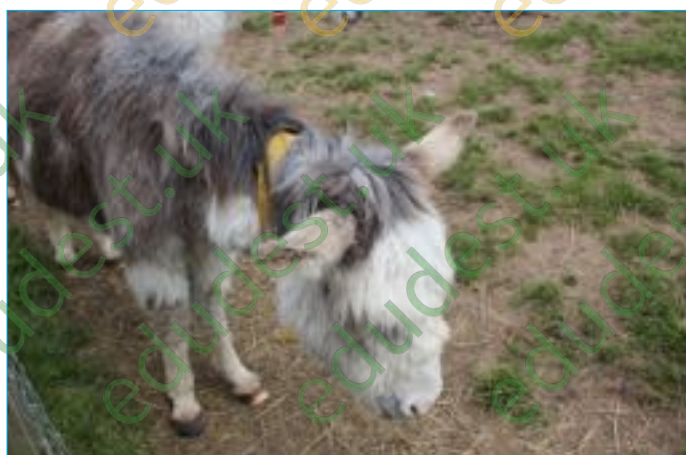


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Keywords

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pregnant, 12 months, becomes,
grows, suckle

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Dear Mr Noodham

I refer to the item in the County Press 10.10.14 regarding stories and perhaps photos of how donkeys had been used as working animals in past years

I was brought up in Rookley, between Godshill and Newport on the island and in the 1930's, our milk was delivered using a donkey to pull a cart. The farmer who had a small herd of dairy cows was Mr Percy Smith and he and his donkey would deliver milk daily to customers in the village. On approaching a customer's house, the donkey would automatically stop without being told. The milk was carried in churns and huckers with hinged lids and transferred to the customer's jugs using a pint or half pint measure. All this was before refrigeration in homes.

Enclosed is a photograph of Mr Smith and his donkey and cart taken outside the house where we lived next door to the village chapel. On the front of the cart was printed P. SMITH, ROOKLEY. It is a shame that the head of the donkey is cut off in the photo.

I wish you well in publishing the stories and photos which you will get sent to you.

Yours faithfully,
Kenneth J. Cliverton



Percy Smith delivering milk on the Isle of Wight in the 1930s



Miss Saunders (Aunt Jane) delivering laundry on the Isle of Wight

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Donkey rides on the beach in the 1970s. There are still some places that use donkeys to give children rides along the beach.

Donkeys around the World



Donkeys are very strong and have been used as work animals all around the world for thousands of years.

Can you find pictures that go with these captions?

A

This Irish donkey is carrying peat in two baskets.

Peat was used as a fuel in Ireland and still is in some parts of the country.

E

In this picture the donkey is carrying supplies because the people cannot afford motor vehicles.

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Sometimes donkeys are allowed to carry more weight than is good for them.

There are charities that help people look after their donkeys properly.

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This donkey is working on a Kenyan island called Lamu. Its owners are walking behind.

Until recently, the island had no motor transport at all and depended on donkeys for transport.

C

Donkeys are still used today on some UK beaches for riding by tourists on holiday.

G

Many poor people in Africa and Asia depend on donkeys to help them do hard work.

They are often too poor to care for their donkeys properly.

D

A donkey can pull twice its body weight along level ground. An average donkey weighs 160kg.

Cut out the captions and match them to a picture from the following pages - you can also cut other pictures out and write your own caption for them!



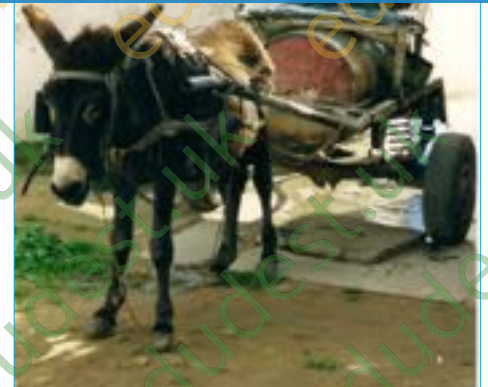


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