

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



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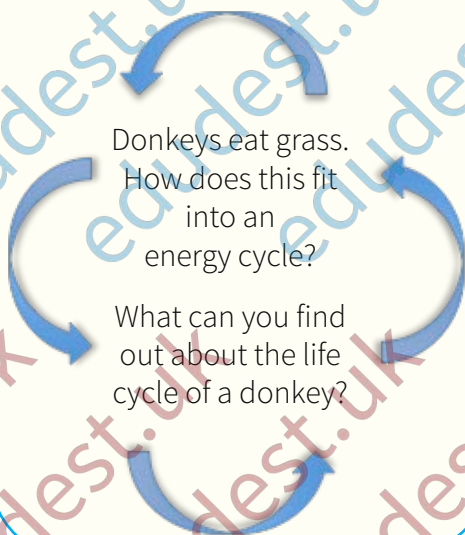
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Don't forget to ask the
Donkey Sanctuary staff
questions too!



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 Cycles



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

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

Donkey Tales

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

You will write up
the full story back
at school.

What number facts can you find?

There are lots of donkeys!
e.g. How many donkeys are there?
Are there a greater number of grey or
brown?
Counting, measuring, comparing and
asking questions too.



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.

There are _____ adoption donkeys.

There are _____ old donkeys than adoption donkeys.

The main paddock is _____ paces long and _____ paces wide.



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More than

fewer

equal

adoption

males

females

miniature

kilograms

pounds

years

metres

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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?

The first donkey at the Sanctuary was called?

Can you find out the story of one of the donkeys?

What sort of work did donkeys used to do?

What else can you find out?

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Donkey Energy Cycle

Donkey Life Cycle

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Put these in the right order in your cycle:

- » grass
- » donkey poo
- » energy for the donkey to run around
- » rich soil to grow good grass

Words you may want to use:

adult donkey	baby donkey
young donkey	jacks and Jennies
female becomes pregnant	foal

BACK AT SCHOOL



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 area and perimeter of the paddock 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.

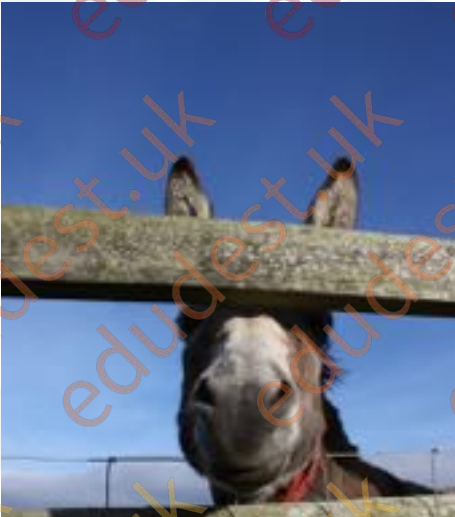
Record your findings in your book.

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

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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.

Life cycle of a donkey

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1. Cut out the pictures
2. Match the captions to the pictures
3. Arrange in order.



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Donkeys can live for up to 40 years

A baby donkey will stay with its mum for 6 months while it feeds on its mum's milk. Then it will be weaned onto solid food.

A female donkey is pregnant for about 12 months

The young donkey will then go in search of a playmate and live in a herd.

Adult donkeys become great friends. A male is called a jack and a female is called a jenny.

Donkey Stories! How were donkeys used in the past on the Isle of Wight?



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DONKEY STORIES

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Dear Mr Needham

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. Chiverton



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.

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2. Cut the rest of the pictures out and write your own caption for them!



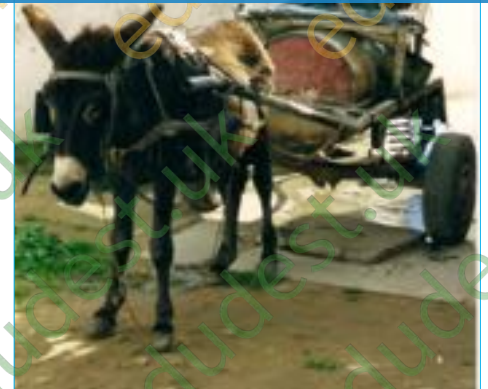


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