

## Learn about Life Cycles!

During your visit to Tapnell Farm Park you will see lots of different animals.

This resource will allow you to understand and explore life cycles as relevant to animals at Tapnell.

### BEFORE

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1. Draw 2 lines on a paper plate to divide it into 4 equal parts

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2. Choose a life cycle and cut out the different stages (pictures on following pages)
3. Glue these onto your plate in the correct order
4. Label your stages. Choose your words from this list:



adult cat

baby kitten

kitten

young cat

adult

baby

young child

teenager

adult robin

egg

robin chick

young robin

adult frog

frog spawn

tadpoles

froglet



BEFORE  
YOUR VISIT



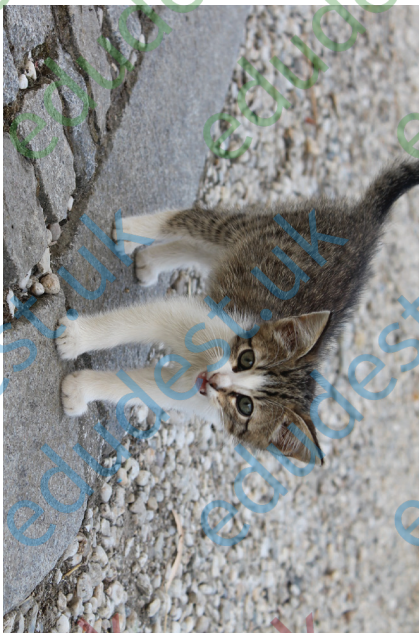
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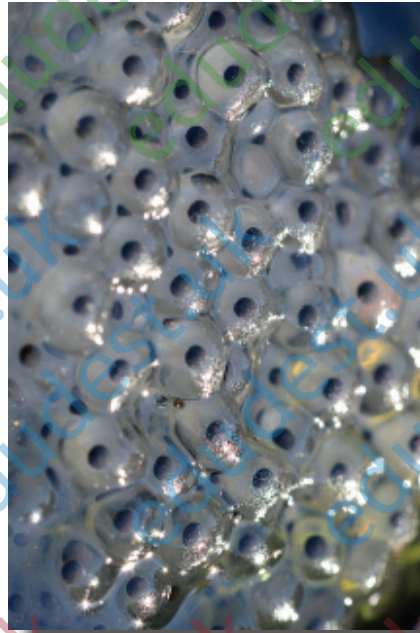
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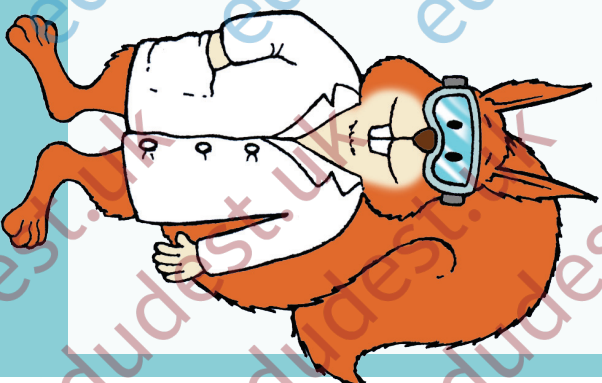


**BEFORE  
YOUR VISIT**

**Now you need another paper plate**

1. Draw 2 lines on your paper plate to divide it into 4 equal parts.
2. Cut out one quarter section of your paper plate to make a see through hole. It is best if you can leave the outer edge in place without cutting through it.
3. Make a small hole in the centre of each plate.
4. Place the plate with the see through hole on top of the life cycle plate.
5. Fix the two plates together with a brass fastener.
6. You can now move the top plate to reveal different stages of the life cycle.

**Life Cycle Wheels**



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AT THE  
PARK



Young Guinea Pig



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Adult Guinea Pig



Baby Guinea Pigs



Life cycle of a Guinea Pig (mammal)

Visit the **Animal Barn** and look for the guinea pigs. Finish this life cycle by making a sketch of an adult guinea pig.

AT THE  
PARK

Young Pygmy Goat



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Adult Pygmy Goat (mammal)



Adult Pygmy Goat



Baby Pygmy Goat



Whilst you are in the Animal Barn look for the Pygmy Goats.  
What do you think a young Pygmy Goat will look like?  
Finish this life cycle by making a sketch of a young Pygmy Goat.





Outside you will find  
Finish this life cycle

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Life Cycle of a Hen (bird)

Look for the hens.

1. Look at the life cycle of the bird and the life cycle of the mammal.
2. Can you spot the differences?
3. Describe the differences:
4. The baby mammals look like \_\_\_\_\_.
5. The bird life cycle has \_\_\_\_\_ stages.
6. In the bird life cycle the egg (first stage) \_\_\_\_\_.



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young



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adult



baby



- ▶ Look at the other animals.
- ▶ Choose an animal and draw its lifecycle

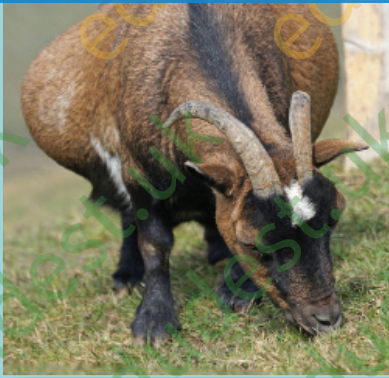


## BACK AT SCHOOL

### How long is the pregnancy?

- ✓ During pregnancy the young develop and grow inside their mother.
  - ✓ The time from fertilization to birth is called the gestation period.
1. Fill in the table by researching the gestation periods for different animals.
  2. Add two animals of your choice to the table.

	Gestation DAYS
Wallaby	
Meerkat	
Pig	
Goat	
Human	
Alpaca	



3. The wallaby has a short gestation period but baby wallabies look well developed. Describe what happens to a baby wallaby during its early days of life:

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