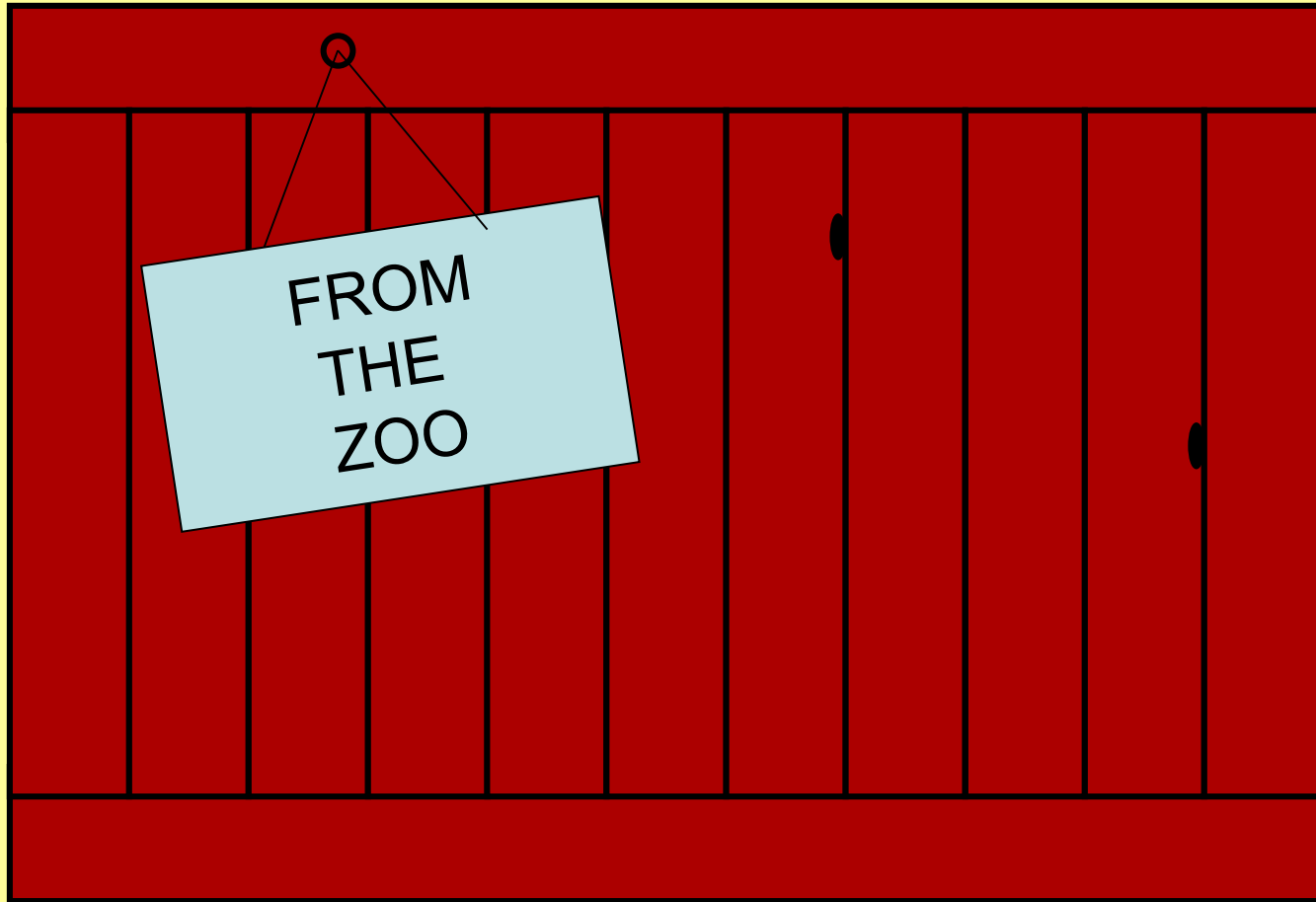


What's in the crate?



By 1KK

Dear Zoo,

We are writing to see if you could send our class some pets. We know that some classes keep hermit crabs and guinea pigs, but we are really after something a little bit more exciting.

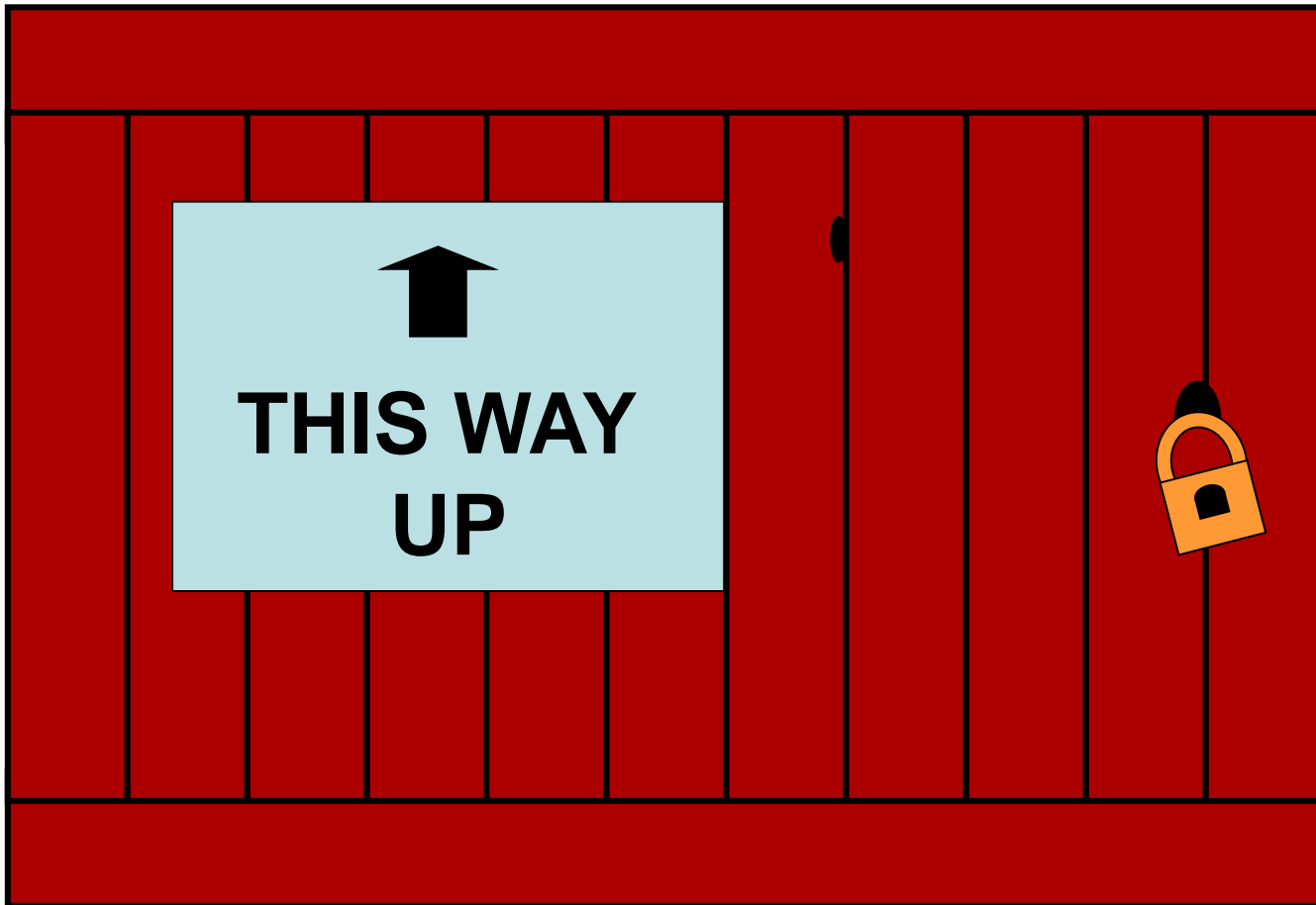
Perhaps you could spare a tiger or two?

If you could send us some pets, please deliver them to the address on the back of this envelope.

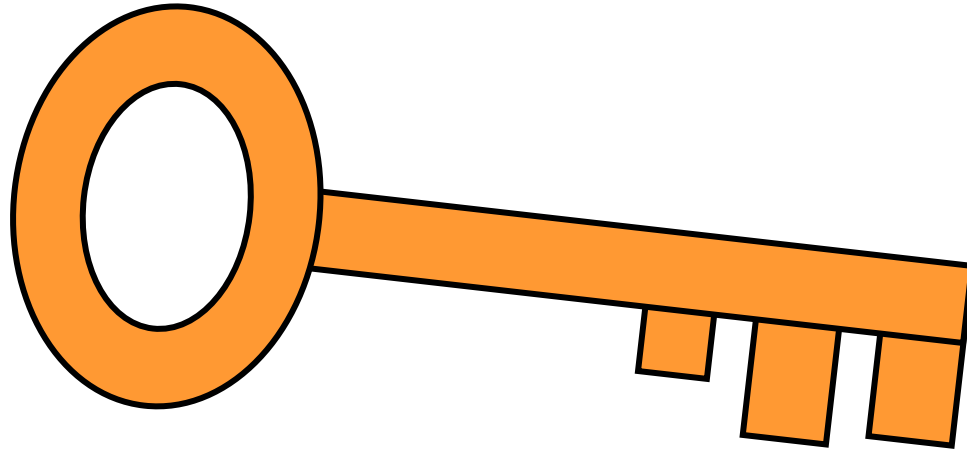
Regards

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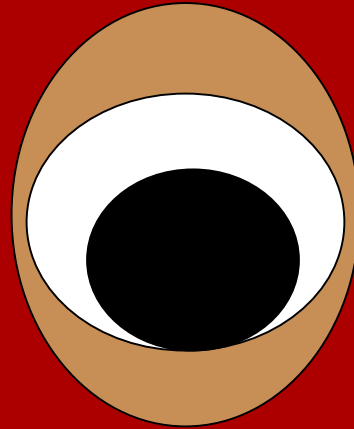
**We wrote to the zoo to
send our class some pets.**



**Two weeks later,
a crate arrived.**



**It was locked. We rang the zoo to
ask them to send us the key.**



**While we were waiting for the
key, we peeked through a hole
in the crate.**

**It was dark inside. We could just
make out ten feet.**

10 feet

**Ten feet? Everyone tried to
guess what was in the crate.**



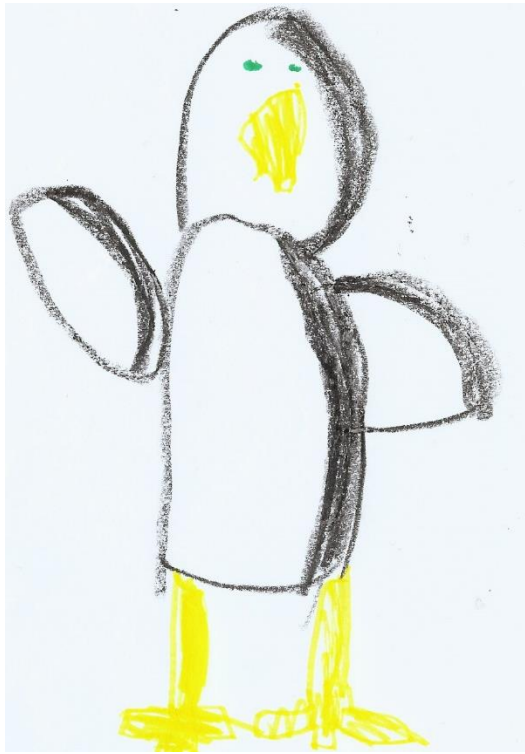
Maddison and Rachel thought the crate contained two lions and a zookeeper to look after them.



Rick and Daniel guessed that there were five cassowaries inside.



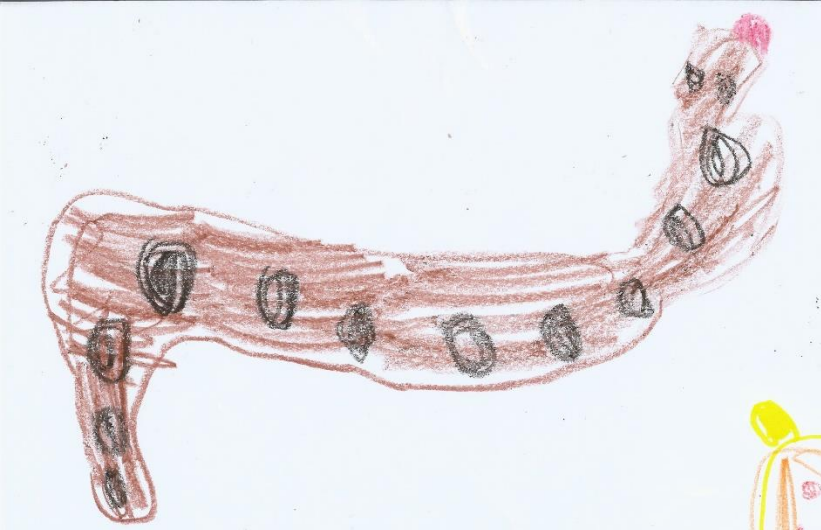
Hannah and Zoe thought there was a pair of red pandas and a blue macaw.



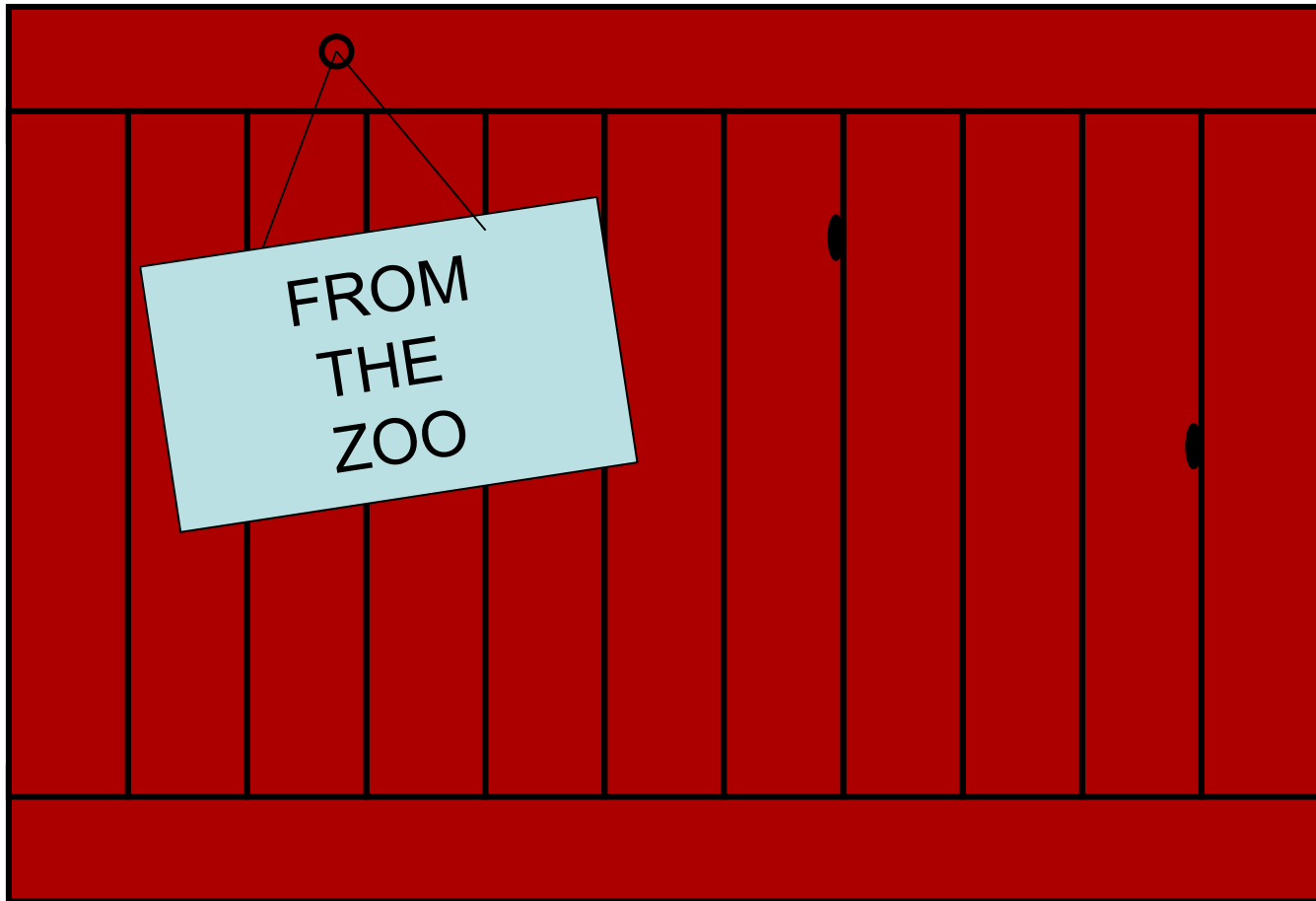
Jordan and Riley thought that there was a penguin and a spider inside.



Jack and Megan thought that there was an elephant, a giraffe and a parrot inside.



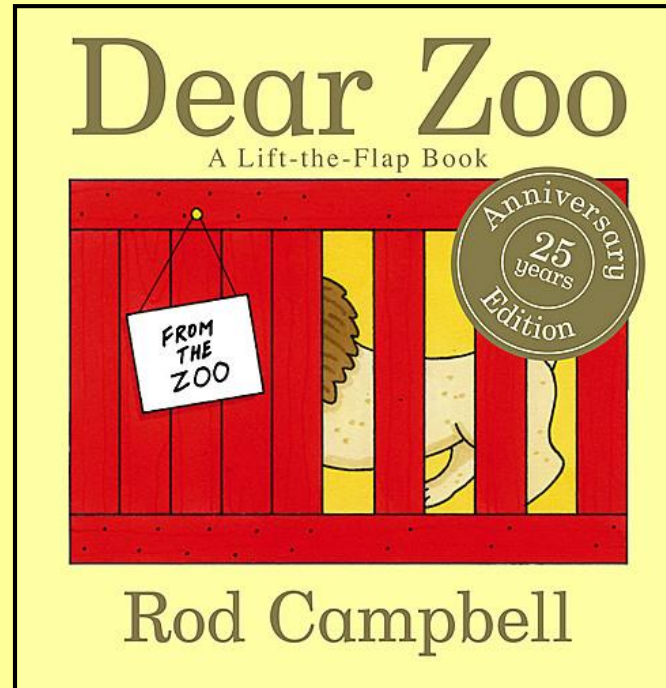
Isabel and Lochie thought that maybe there was a reticulated python, two meerkats and a zookeeper inside.



**Would you believe we still
don't know what's in the crate?**

**We're still waiting for the
zoo to send us the key.**

**What do you think could be in
our crate?**



This maths investigation resource for Early Phase learners is designed to be used in conjunction with the much loved children's book 'Dear Zoo' by Rod Campbell.

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