

# Dartmoor Zoo

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On Tuesday the 11<sup>th</sup> of June 2019, Year 6 made their way to Dartmoor Zoo for one of their last trips whilst at Weston Mill. We were greeted by a zookeeper who introduced us to some of the friendly animals. Arriving at opening time, we were able to meet three of their precious animals. Meerkats! We split off into groups of around ten children so that we could explore the zoo without causing a stampede.



This is Hayley the European Brown Bear who was born on the 25<sup>th</sup> December 1986. She is 33! Sadly, her company (Fudge and Ben) recently passed leaving Hayley alone in her enclosure. We had the pleasure of watching her feed on carrots and kiwi. We had lots of fun finding out about her. She loves peppers and sometimes gets a treat of honey smeared on her tree on occasions like her birthday.



This is one of Dartmoor zoo's meerkats. There are Twix and Twirl who are the pups of Zina. Although there are three of them, meerkats usually live in bigger groups however Dartmoor are not looking for any more at the moment. Fun fact: meerkats always have one on guard when the others are sleeping (usually Zina keeps guard while the pups sleep).

These are some of the pictures we were able to catch of these fascinating species



What's your favourite animal that can be found at Dartmoor Zoo?