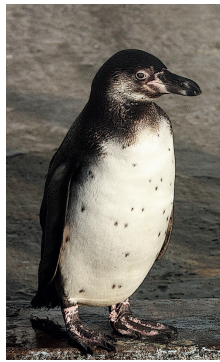




It is starting to feel like spring here at the Wildlife Park. The animals are enjoying the slightly warmer temperatures and a bit of sunshine. I wonder if they are puzzled by the fact that there are no visitors here? They don't really understand what a "lock down" is. Let's hope it won't be too long before you can visit again!

## Penguins on the Move!

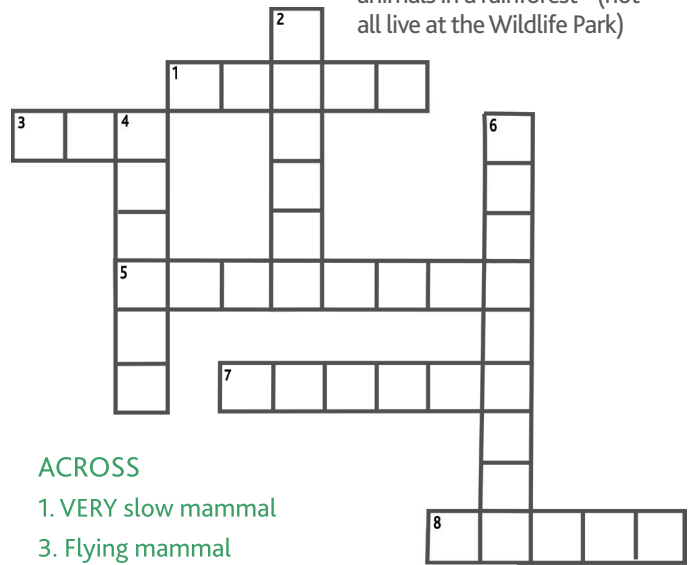


*A penguin chick, ready for his big adventure*

14 penguins, born at the Wildlife Park, have a new home - in Northern Ireland! They made their big move on the boat this week, and as you can see from the above picture, they arrived safely and are sampling their brand new pool at the **Exploris Aquarium**. Of course we will miss them at the Wildlife Park, but the pool here had become a bit overcrowded, with so many chicks hatched in the last couple of years. And guess what - their parents have laid eggs again, so maybe there will be more chicks again soon!

## Animal Crossword

You could find all these animals in a rainforest - (not all live at the Wildlife Park)



### ACROSS

- 1. VERY slow mammal
- 3. Flying mammal
- 5. World's biggest rodent
- 7. Colourful bird, cracks nuts
- 8. Large mammal with a long nose

### DOWN

- 2. Swings through the trees
- 4. Fruit eating bird, huge beak
- 6. Very big spider

## Whose poo?

Poo clue: This large animal eats a variety of vegetables and leaves. It has a long nose. There are two males and a female at the Wildlife Park.



Which animal?  
(African animals, not at the Park!)

h e e l t a p n  
r o o c e r s h i n  
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# Animal of the Week

## African Crested Porcupine

Porcupines have their own special way to escape being eaten - they hold their ground, run backwards and ram their sharp spines into their predator's face!

Baby porcupines are called porcupettes! They are born with soft spikes that soon turn hard.

Spines on the back can be raised into a crest to make the porcupine look large and scary

small eyes  
(porcupines are mostly nocturnal, relying on scent)



some of the spines are very strong, like spears, for stabbing predators with!

Big front teeth like chisels for gnawing hard food

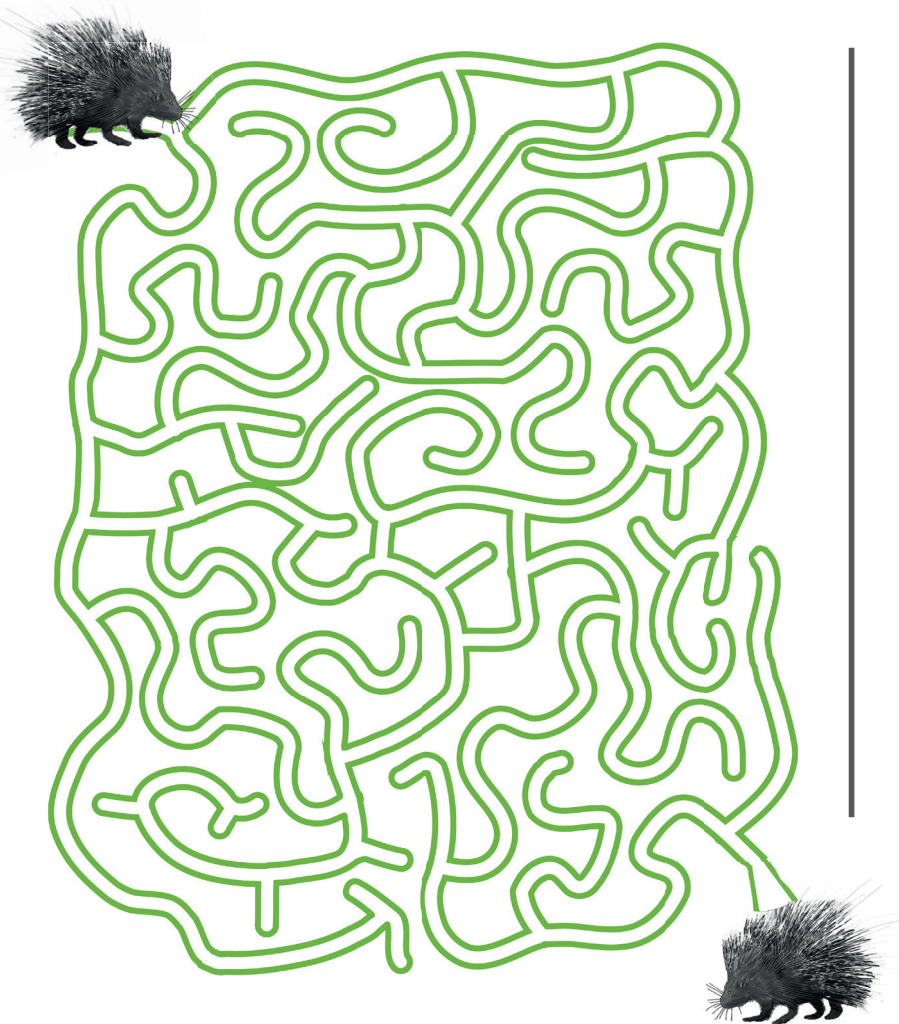
hollow spikes on the tail make a rattling sound to warn off enemies

soft fur on face and belly so mum can safely nurse her babies

Sharp claws for digging burrows

### Lost underground!

Spike the porcupine took a wrong turn in the burrow. Can you help him find his way back to where his mate is waiting for him?



### Habitat

Forests or shrub lands in Africa. They also make burrows underground

### Food in the Wild

They mostly eat roots that they dig out of the ground. They also like tree bark and the odd insect or two.

### Superpower

With their sharp spines they can kill a lion!

Cut out and keep me



# African Porcupine

answers

Which animal: elephant, rhinoceros, cheetah Whose poo? tapir poo; Crossword across: 1 sloth, 3 bat, 5 capybara, 7 parrot, 8 tapir; down: 2 monkey, 4 toucan, 6 tarantula