



Tigress - August 2008

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A beautifully illustrated book with vivid descriptions detailing the inside story of a tigress and the rearing of her young.

Activities

- **Collect rich descriptions**

What does a tigress look like? Write "TIGRESS" in the centre of a flip chart page and collect children's descriptions around it. Read the book together and ask children for any memorable words, lines or images to add to the chart.

- **Create a camouflage picture**

Using appropriate colours and materials, children can use paint and collage to create a picture of the tigress to show her natural disguise.

- **Make an instruction guide**

What does a tigress need to do to look after her young? Begin as a shared writing activity by listing all the different ways a tigress needs to care for and protect her young.

Children can then work on mini-guides for tigresses to help them look after their cubs. They can illustrate their suggestions and add a contents page and cover.

- **Draw a timeline**

Working in groups, children can refer to the book to create a timeline to show the growth of tigers from cubs to adults, plotting the stages of development. e.g. at eight weeks, six months, a year. They can add pictures and annotations to make it clear for the reader. These can be shared with other groups.

