

Following your passions

My name is Ella, I am 10 years old and I am currently having an amazing adventure - travelling around the UK living in a caravan and being road-schooled by my parents. This experience has given me opportunities to follow my passion for animals and photography.

Not having to follow a set curriculum has meant that my learning has been flexible and fun, and enabled my parents to help me follow my areas of interest. Nobody knows a child better than their parents do and for a whole year, my



parents have got to know me better than ever before. They know my passions, what I like to study and what I struggle with, and because of this, I think I have progressed really well with my learning.

Our travels have taken us to lots of places and allowed us to see and do many new things. We've seen waterfalls, animals and met lots of new people. Not only have we seen the UK but we have on occasion sailed to islands and even ventured overseas. We have visited wildlife centres, sealife centres, nature and game reserves, and whenever possible, witnessed wildlife in its natural environment, all of which have given me a chance to take photos and learn about the natural world.

A photo says a 1,000 words so I'd like to show you some of my favourite pictures taken during our year of adventure.

Ella's photo gallery



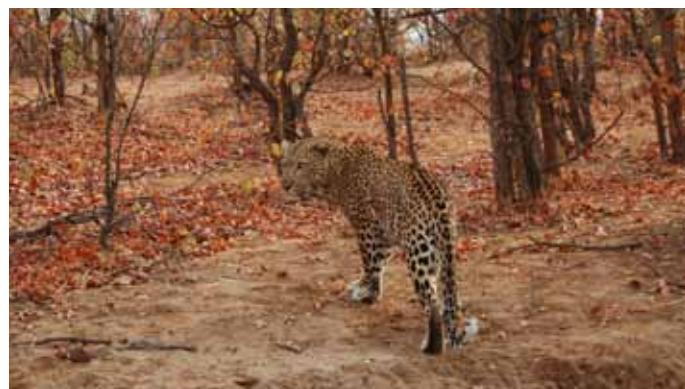
On my birthday my parents took me badger watching for a present. We sat in a hide and saw at least eight wild badgers walking around a few metres away!



As a Christmas gift my sister and I were taken to a Sealife centre and we had the privilege of feeding and touching the seals! Seals are one of my favourite animals and before I knew it I was helping them with their training!



One of the places we travelled to on a recent safari in Africa was the Moholoholo rehabilitation centre where we saw lots of amazing animals up close.



We saw this leopard in the bushes when we were driving in our jeep through Africa! It crossed the road three to four metres in front of us before disappearing. We drove on and saw it look back at us from in the bushes.