

## **The Race To The Beach**

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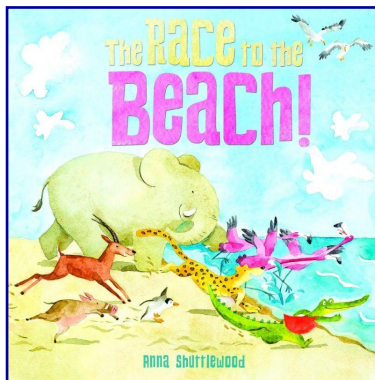
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On your mark, get set, GO! The zoo animals are off for a summer's day at the beach!

Find out which zoo animal will win the race to the beach in this fun and delightfully illustrated picture book.



### **Themes:**

- Beach
- Friends
- Helping each other
- Animals

### **Discussion Points:**

- The animals all went to the beach. Do you like to go to the beach? What things do you take with you for a day there and what are some of the fun things that you can do?
- There are many animals in this story. Make a list of any that you are unfamiliar with, and then as a class, find out some more information about them.
- When the animals decided that they would have a race, who did you think would win and why? Were you surprised at the end as to what happened, especially that crocodile was scared about not being able to touch the bottom?
- Why do you think that people like to 'race'?
- What characteristics did Giraffe show when he went to help his friend?
- Think of a time when you have had to help a friend or they have helped you and share this story with your class. It may have been in the playground, in the classroom or at home.

### **Activities:**

- Arrange a visit to your local zoo or animal park. Ask the children to see how many of the animals in the story that they can find?
- Assign each student in your class one of the zoo animals in the story. Ask them to research that animal and prepare a small presentation about their findings. They could also make a hand puppet of it and then have the class create their own small story and play.