ZIG AND ZAG

WHAT AM I? Giant African Land Snail

WHERE WOULD YOU FIND US LIVING IN THE WILD?

The giant African snail is native to East Africa, and can be traced back to Kenya and Tanzania. Mainly in areas which are warm and wet. We are a highly invasive species, and colonies can be formed from a single gravid individual. Did you know that in many places, release into the wild is illegal including this country.

HOW DO YOU LOOK AFTER US AS A PET?

We live in a big plastic tank which is kept warm and damp, we get sprayed everyday with water, we pretend it's raining. We like lots of soil and things to climb on and hide under.

WHAT DO WE LIKE TO EAT?

We LOVE cucumber but to be honest we aren't fussy eaters and will eat just about any fruit and vegetables. We also have a cuttlefish bone which we lick away at with our rough tongues this helps to keep our shell nice and strong.

WHAT DO WE LOOK LIKE?

I have a white squishy, slimy body but a hard spiral shell which keeps my body safe, this is because I can put all of myself back into my shell. I have 2 eyes on the top of my head and 2 tentacles to help me smell and feel around.

WHY DO WE LOVE THEM?

They are so funny to watch the way they poke their eyes out to be nosey and how far their bodies can come out of their shell. They can also eat so much food.

MY STORY

Hi we are Zig and Zag, we live at Lion Learners in Barnsley. Michala our presenter spent a long time looking for us and thinks we are very impressive. People are shocked at how much food we can eat we just love cucumber. We love to sit on your hand if you don't mind a bit of slime. Our body is just one big foot as we don't really have other body parts and we just use this big muscle and slime to move around. Watch us move our eyes and tentacles in and out, everyone thinks it is so funny!