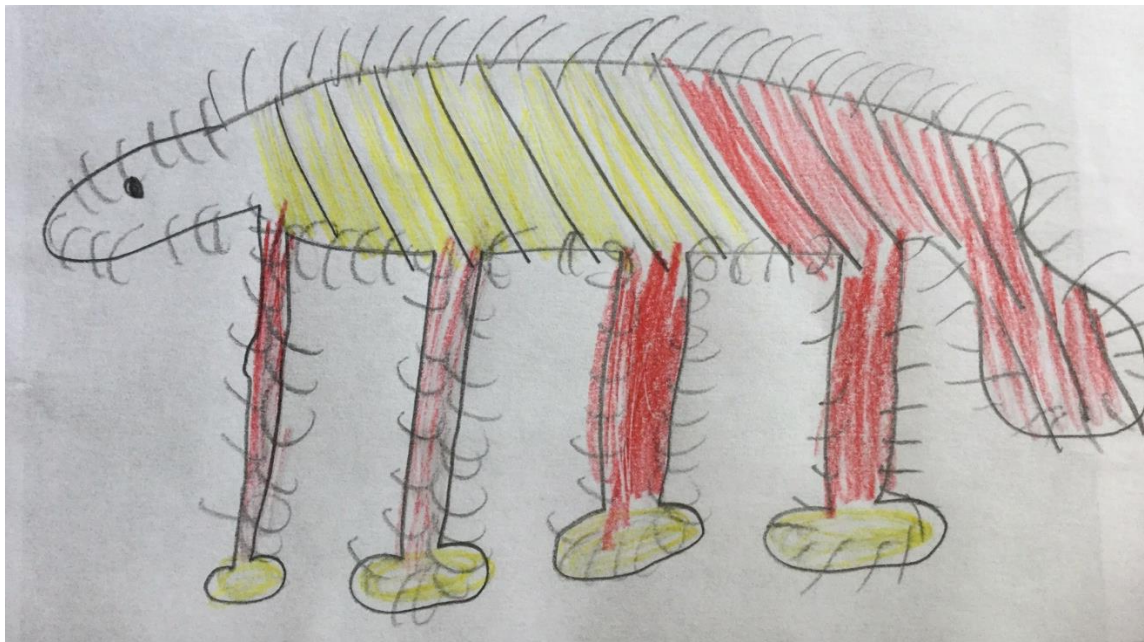


The Zebratah – An information text by Ellie Williams

The Zebratah is an extremely rare and colourful creature from the family of the Lioncheetahs.



Zebratahs, although very rare are easy to spot. They are made up of a zebra's body with yellow and red stripes with the instincts of a cheetah. They can grow up to 6.5m and have a terrific speed of 2.8 seconds per 5 miles. In addition to this, they have extremely strong and prominent legs.

All zebratahs are carnivores and only eat meat such as tigers, mice squirrels and birds. Furthermore, many will guzzle about six animals a day sadly.

For many years, scientists have thought their habitat included jungles and forests but from further research they have now found that they roam the Sahara desert and other hot places. However, there have also been sightings in other parts of the world.

Weirdly, juveniles are born grey and develop their other colours later in life. As zebratahs get older their red and yellow stripes become different colours such as red, orange, green, or even blue! Scientists believe they change colours due to variations in their body temperature.

Amazingly, zebratahs like to burrow when they are young and make their homes underground. They use their big bushy tails to dig the sun-baked soil and tunnel deep down into the burrow. As they get older and larger they then change from living in burrows to sleeping in trees, but only the largest branches can hold their weight above.

Moreover, all zebratahs are tremendously agile. They can stand on one leg for long periods of time. They can roll and flip whilst running and can balance on narrow branches and cliff edges when searching for prey.