Ranger Rick's Reading Adventures welcome to the FAISIE

## Treetop Treats

Almost as soon as she was born, Rosie started traveling into the treetops with her mom. Even with a baby on her chest, Mom is fearless. If she spies a tasty meal of leaves or fruit in another tree, she doesn't clamber down to the ground and then climb back up the other tree. She jumps from one treetop to the other! Good thing Rosie has a tight grip on Mom's fur.





Climbing even rough or prickly trees is no problem for ring-tailed lemurs. They have tough, well-padded hands and feet (see right) that are a good defense against **prickles**. And their feet are great at **grasping**—perfect for holding on tightly to high-up branches.



### On the Ground

Ring-tailed lemurs spend more time on the ground than any other kind of lemur. They are pretty good runners, even when a baby is on board! And whenever they are on the ground, their tails wave in the air like flags. It s the ring-tailed lemurs' way of saying to their troopmates, "Hey, guys! Over here!"







### Let's Stick Together

By the time she's four months old, little Rosie will spend most of her time off her mom's back, exploring the forest. But she and Mom will likely stay in the same troop their whole lives.



Eventually, Rosie will help take care of her younger brothers and sisters. And when she grows up and has babies of her own, Mom—who will become Grandma Lemur—may help keep an eye on them, too. Even when it's too big to hitch a ride on Mom, a ring-tailed lemur knows its family always has its back.

# All Seasons

Foll is a fine time to be a red fore 1810 se in white, spring, or summer!





# **FALL**

The days are getting shorter and the weather is getting cooler. But for the red fox, that is just fine. It likes to hunt before sunrise and after sunset. Its thick, soft **coat** will keep it plenty warm.







In fall, a red fox hangs out mostly by itself. Its babies have grown up and are on their own. Now is the time for it to focus on food. That's because, even for a master hunter such as a fox, winter can mean slim pickings. And winter is just around the corner.

A wintry wind stops this fox in its tracks. But a red fox won't take **shelter**—it stays out in all but the very worst weather. Thank goodness for fur coats!





## WINTER

In cold places, red foxes grow even longer, thicker winter coats. Instead of hiding out in a den, a red fox will usually just curl up right out in the open. Wrapped in its big, bushy tail, the fox stays nice and warm—even when it's completely covered by snow.



Finding food, however, can often be a problem. Small animals such as mice, ground squirrels, birds, and lizards make up most of a red fox's diet And in some places, many of those prey animals are hard to find during the winte. Fortunately, these foxes possess super-sharp hearing. They can hear a mouse squeaking from as far away as the length of a football field! Whe a keen-eared fox hears that squeak or a rustling in leaves or even tiny

footsteps under snow, it leaps into action! So while there may not be as much food around, a red fox will fin whatever food there is.

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