

Developing links and working more closely with parents is actively encouraged under the guidance of the Early Years Foundation Stage Curriculum. In order to help you feel more involved in the planning and direction of your child's education, we would like you to contribute any ideas or points of interest you know your children would enjoy learning about. All ideas will be gratefully accepted and included within the medium term planning if it is appropriate to do so.



Mathematics

- Name a range of 2D shapes and state their properties
- Recite numbers to thirty and beyond
- Recognise numerals to twenty
- Add two sets of objects together to make a total
- Make a two or three colour repeating pattern
- Identify a 1p and 2p coin.
- Begin to subtract with the use of apparatus.

Useful rainforest stories

The Parrot Tico Tango The Very Hungry Caterpillar Doing the animal bop

Personal, Social and Emotional development

- Theme 'Going for goals'
- Share our achievements within the class e.g. swimming certificates
- Set some simple goals and know that it is important to work hard to reach a goal.
- Know that we are all good at different things.

Communication and Language

- Share our Christmas news within a small group
- Begin to ask questions and share their thinking- what's in the box activity.
- Learn some new vocabulary associated with the rainforest e.g. predator, prey, canopy, symmetry, adapt and movement.

Colourful curriculum (Rainforest)

Literacy

- Learn the phonemes and digraphs such as /y/z/qu/ch/sh/th/ng/
- Learn how to read and spell the sight words he, she, we, me, be and was.
- Begin to write for a range of purposes (adult led/supported)

Understanding the world

- Begin to name some animals living in the rainforest
- Locate the rainforest and the climate there
- Learn about camouflage, symmetry, predators and prey
- Learn about the three main sections within the rainforest

Physical development

- Form some letters correctly e.g. c, a, d, g and o.
- Explore jumping from various levels and landing safely.
- Explore the ways in which some rainforest animals move.
- Explore throwing an object in a set direction
- Developing under arm throwing.

Expressive arts and design

- Name a range of instruments
- Explore the sounds of some rainforest animals with instruments
- Create a simple plan in order to make a spider.

How can I support my child's learning at home?

- Research a rainforest animal and find out about its habitat, diet and the ways in which it moves.
- Practise forming a range of letters, ensuring your child starts in the correct place.
- Clear a space in your lounge and explore how a range of rainforest animals move.
- Make a list of things you would pack if you were going to explore the rainforest.
- Research some rainforest themed songs or rhymes to share with the class.
- Practise spelling the words he, she, we, me, be and was and listen to your child read for 10 minutes a day.