



# Home Learning



## Year 1 Term 6 Week 4

Hello Australia class. This week the theme is 'The rainforest'. I have added activities that link to our theme. The activities will be the ones we will be covering in school (or a variation of) and you can pick activities within the theme that the whole class will be looking at, whether that be in school or at home.

As always, have a look at the recommendations as a family and pick which ones work best for you. Don't forget there are still 2do's on Purple Mash and activities on Spelling Shed and Numbots/TT Rock Stars.

### English

This week you could focus on the theme of 'The rainforest'. Here are a few ideas of writing projects you could complete.

Your child could start a nature diary. At the same time each day, they could record the animals that they can see in the garden or from their window and describe the weather and plants. What differences do they notice over the week? Or a month?
Can your child create a fact file about a spider monkey or a tree frog? Describe the animal's appearance, habitat, diet and any other facts.
Your child could write a short description of the rainforest. Ask them to think about what they can see, hear, feel and smell. <a href="#">This live stream</a> may help.
Many trees in the rainforest are chopped down to use for paper. Ask your child to create a poster about saving and reusing paper at home.
Visit the Literacy Shed for this wonderful resource on <a href="#">Caterpillar Shoes</a> . Or, write an acrostic poem about a rainforest creature.

BBC Bitesize post daily activities for English which you may also find useful.  
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/tags/zjgqpp3/year-1-and-p2-lessons/1>

### Reading

Here are some 'rainforest' reading ideas.

Create a sock puppet based on a favourite story character. Show your child how to use the puppet to retell the story the character appears in.
Watch Eric Carle's <a href="#">Slowly, slowly, slowly, said the Sloth</a> or <a href="#">Rumble in the Jungle</a> . Once your child is familiar with the story, they can read along or join in with familiar sentences.
Ask your child to go and read in a sunny spot in the garden. How did it make them feel reading outside?
Some of our everyday food comes from the rainforest. Your child can look in the kitchen cupboards and identify foods with the 'Rainforest Alliance' logo.
Help your child to look through cookery books for a recipe involving chocolate. Ask them to use decoding skills to read some of the ingredients. They can learn about where chocolate derives <a href="#">here</a> .

If you would like more books to explore, head on over to <https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/for-home/find-a-book/library-page> to find their free e-book library.

## Maths

Here are some additional Maths ideas.

Cut pieces of paper into different shapes or food that can be sliced, then work with your child to find half by cutting or drawing on the shapes or by slicing the food. Make sure both sides are equal and if they aren't, talk about why it is not half. Repeat for finding a quarter.
Ask your child to watch these videos and complete the <a href="#">activities</a> about what a fraction is and how a fraction should be written.
Get a chocolate bar and work with your child on how it could be split into half, quarters and thirds. You could investigate whether the size of the chocolate bar affects how much they get. Does $\frac{1}{2}$ always look the same?
Your child could estimate and count the number of different plant types or insects that they can see/find in the garden. Record in a table.
Select an even number of some of your children's toys (e.g. toy cars, marbles). Work with your child on splitting the total amount in half by sharing out into 2 piles. Repeat this to find a quarter but share the amount into four piles.

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## Phonics

Following the theme of 'the rainforest', here are some additional phonics ideas.

Can your child think of an animal or plant that begins with each letter of the alphabet. How many of these can be found in a rainforest?
The tree frog, spider monkey and boa constrictor are just some of the animals that can be found living in a rainforest. Ask your child to list verbs (action words) to describe how each animal moves. How many can they think of?
Your child could visit this interactive game and play <a href="#">Forest Phonics</a> .
<a href="#">This game</a> helps your child to practise the 'tricky' words for their year group in a fun, interactive way.
The word 'rain' contains the sound 'ai'. Ask your child to list as many words as they can containing the 'ai' sound. Your child might identify words that contain an alternative spelling for 'ai' such as ay/a-e.

Head on over to this YouTube channel for some phonics lessons.  
[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCP\\_FbjYUP\\_UtldV2K\\_-niWw?fbclid=IwAR3pJh-rdJX7QhAzhz8EOpAKOOFWQJa8FAvGmczDDslnJN6z3iJz3KIRk](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCP_FbjYUP_UtldV2K_-niWw?fbclid=IwAR3pJh-rdJX7QhAzhz8EOpAKOOFWQJa8FAvGmczDDslnJN6z3iJz3KIRk)

## Topic

During this week it would be wonderful if the children could engage in some learning opportunities to learn more about the rainforest. Here are a few ideas of what you could do.

Fascinating Forest Floor- Can your child create their own replica forest floor? Task them with collecting materials from the garden or during your daily exercise.

The Sounds of the Rainforests- There are many wonderful and intriguing sounds that can be heard in the rainforest. You can listen and watch real footage from a rainforest [here](#) or watch [this BBC Our Planet clip](#). Which animal makes the most noise in the rainforest?. Ask your child to record what sounds they can hear and to predict what animals the sounds have come from. Can your child replicate these sounds using objects from around the home?

Where in the World are the Rainforests?- Using an atlas or online map, can your child locate the continents (Africa, Asia,

Australia and South America) where rainforests can be found? If this is too challenging, can your child locate one country with a rainforest, and then locate the UK. Ask them to describe the similarities and differences between the UK and the country they have located.

The Big Garden Tidy Up- Why not work together as a family and have a Big Garden Tidy Up? Task your child with pulling out weeds, raking up the leaves or just having a general tidy. Take before and after photographs.

Sketch a Spider Monkey or a Tree Frog- Can your child create a detailed sketch of an animal that inhabits the rainforest? Using pencils, crayons or whatever else you have, ask your child to copy an image of a rainforest animal, thinking carefully about the patterns and tones.

#### Rainforest Insects

- Watch [this video](#).
- There are lots of insects/mini-beasts in the rain forest. You can see some pictures of them [here](#).
- Look for mini-beasts living in the garden or on a walk. What are these mini beasts called? Which one do you like the best and why?

Try drawing pictures of the mini-beasts you find.

Here are some of the things that have been happening at home this week.



Isaac has been very busy at home developing his construction skills. What a great activity to do. Well done Isaac!

Luther was busy at home over the weekend creating sea animals out of pebbles. I love this idea Luther!



Jasmine spent some time this week making a gold medal to present to a member of her family. Jasmine's mum was the lucky recipient for being kind and caring. What a lovely thought Jasmine!

Danny and his brother made the most of the windy weather and took their kite out to fly. I hope you held on tight Danny!



Thank you to everyone who has emailed in home learning. I love receiving pictures of what everyone is up to so please keep sending them in and I will try and add as many as I can to the next newsletter. You can now send them to our new class email address

[australiaclass@sgmail.org.uk](mailto:australiaclass@sgmail.org.uk) .