

This half term's topic is ... Rainforests/Jungles.

General information

During this difficult time, please prioritise your family's health and wellbeing. If your child does not wish to do an activity, don't force them. Let them approach things at their own pace and in their own time. It is very different for them to learn at home compared to learning at school alongside their peers. Children are always learning in everything they do so their play at home will always support their learning.

Reading

Visit Oxford Owl to access books for your child to read to you. The best way to search for a book is by book band as this relates to the sticker colour that your child currently has on their reading books from school. They are not fully aligned to our levels at school but they are more accurate than selecting an age band. Simply create your own free log in at <https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/for-home/find-a-book/library-page/>

Physical activity

Don't forget to have your daily exercise. At school you would have time at playtime, lunchtime and P.E. time to be active as well as Movement for learning and learning outdoors. You could join Joe Wicks in the morning for your workout - <https://www.youtube.com/user/thebodycoach1/videos> or try some of your Movement for Learning exercises (you have the plans in your second pack) or find your own way to be active and keep fit. You could even dance with Oti Mabuse - https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC58aowNEXHInjIR_5YTiP4g or try your hand at cosmic yoga - <https://www.youtube.com/user/CosmicKidsYoga>.

Twitter

We will continue to post the word of the day, odd one out, dough disco, poetry and daily story time (read by different members of staff), as well as other ideas. We would encourage you to sign up if you have not already done so. Find us at EarlyYearsThru1. It is totally secure and only people we accept, can join the group as it is a locked group. We love to see your posts and photos and videos as we're missing you and it's really important to us that we stay connected as much as possible.

To access any links to Twinkl, please use the offer code UKTWINKLHELPS to make sure that you don't pay for anything as everything is free with this code.

Maths

Numbots – We have generated a unique login and password for your child. This will be shared with you separately. Numbots is a great way to practise your counting, number recognition, addition and subtraction. New levels are only unlocked when your child becomes competent on a level so it is advisable to give minimal support with answers or they will move to levels that are essentially too hard for them. The games are about improving fluency and speed. Go to <https://play.numbots.com/&intro> to get started.



This week, our focus will be...

Where are rainforests and what is it like there?



Reading, Phonics and Writing

- Join Mr Mc for phonics lessons and focus on the sounds 'ow', 'oi' and 'ear' as well as 'throwback Thursday' and 'review Friday and modelled writing' - <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCTcZnvuTeovlzniOLRo0GOA>
- This week's story relating to our topic is 'A trip to the rainforest' - click on the link here to listen to it - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9rEBbF6wnSw>
- This week's poem from the Poetry basket is I have a little frog (This is on Twitter for you.)
- Encourage your child to practise writing their name, making sure that they form all the letters in their name correctly, starting in the right place for each letter. You could use chalk outside, pencil/crayons and paper, paintbrushes and water on the ground outside, finger in tray of flour)

Observational Art
Create a self-portrait by drawing the missing half of the picture. The picture is enclosed in your art book.

This week's investigation is DIY lava lamp. (see attached sheet)

Maths

- Watch Numberblocks on CBeebies (series 1, 2, 3 and 4 are available but pick what is relevant to your child) <https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episodes/b08bzfnh/numberblocks?page=1>
- Board games – Games like snakes and ladders, Uno, shut the box all practice counting, addition, subtraction and number recognition. You can always exchange one dice for two and add or subtract the numbers before you move, in order to make it harder.
- Games - What's swapped? and On and Off the Bus (See attached sheet)
For each of the games, use numbers to 10 or 20, depending on which is more appropriate for your child.

Topic Challenges for this week...

- Look at these 2 Powerpoints about rainforests and explore together <https://www.twinkl.co.uk/resource/t2-s-244-rainforest-information-powerpoint-and-worksheet-pack> and <https://www.twinkl.co.uk/resource/us-t-2548660-layers-of-the-rainforest-powerpoint>
- Find clothes and other items in your house that would be suitable to pack if you were going to the rainforest. Remember to think about the weather.
- Make a rainstick to make the sound of the weather <https://www.giftofcuriosity.com/diy-rainstick-craft/>