

Expressive Arts & Design

For our new topic, children will create their very own "Rumble in the Jungle" display they will work together to creating a giant class painting using our "squiggle whilst you wiggle" up and down movements. We will use snakes to create snake paintings. Children will enjoy access to two themed role-play areas over the duration of topic: firstly enjoying our campsite deep within the rainforest before becoming vets and looking after animals in our vet surgery.

Literacy

Children will have access to a variety of books to read and mark-making opportunities across all of the different areas our nursery. Each day we will read and explore jungle stories together through the questions – who, what, when, where, why?

Key texts: Rumble in the Jungle, Elmer, The Tiger who came to tea, Walking through the Jungle, Dear Zoo, Whose hiding? Colour Monster.

Physical Development

Over the next term, children will be given lots of opportunities to practise developing their fine and gross motor skills. They will enjoy the challenge of crossing rivers, climbing into the canopy and crawling around the forest floor as animals of the rainforest. Children will begin weekly PE sessions which will take place in the main hall completing various physical challenges each week. We will develop our cutting skills and learn how to use scissors, making snips in paper, cutting along and around lines to make snakes and leaves for our Rainforest !

Religious Education

Our RE topic this term is: **Myself**.

As part of this topic, we will look at the importance of our own name and just how special we are. We will learn that God knows and loves everyone. Using Elmer, we will learn that we are all different but each of us unique and special. Children will learn to make the sign of the cross and pray using our Nursery prayers.

Personal, Social & Emotional Development

Returning to nursery after the summer break and welcoming our new children, we will be concentrating on feelings and using our Colour Monster resources.

As we settle more into Nursery, we will begin to focus on

-Rules and routines

-How to tidy up our nursery

-Looking after each other and our things

-Learning to play alongside others, sharing.

Children will be introduced to our 'Friendship Tree' where we can add photos of the children when they begin to form friendships with peers and get to know the adults in the Nursery.

Mathematics

In Nursery there will be counting and number recognition on-going throughout the year. We will learn about shape and look at how many sides and corners each shape has. We will look for shapes in the environment and at colours and sorting. Some of us will match numbers to number cards and amounts. We will enjoy looking at different patterns and as always there will be lots of singing and nursery rhymes around counting to 10 and beyond.

Communication & Language

In Nursery, children will be given lots of opportunities on a daily basis for developing their language through our play by talking about what we are doing and through imaginative play with peers and adults. Our new topic will allow for lots of discussion about animals. We will also take part in daily phonics sessions, this term we are starting Phase 1 of Letters and Sounds and will begin with environment sounds. Some of us will begin Read Write Inc.

Understanding of the World

We will explore the animals who live in the rainforest and where in the forest they live. We will look at pattern and what the different animals look and sound like. Comparing rainforest animals with what animals we will find in our garden/woodland area. We will also be planting in our garden as well as inside and will teach the children about growing vegetables.

