



Jungle Adventures—Autumn One

Reception:

Essential Knowledge

By the end of this topic children will:

- Be able to name a variety of jungle animals and talk about their environments.
- Have built positive relationships with children in their class.
- Learn about different environments and lifestyles
- Be able to use different material to create their own art work.
- Be exposed to a range of phonics activities to support their sound and letter and word recognition.

Sensational Start

Hunting for jungle animals in the jungle (woods).

Extraordinary Extra

Animal footprints in the classroom .
(Leaving a letter with some jungle challenges for the children)

Fabulous Finish

Jungle themed tea party with masks and animal biscuit decorating.

Key Dates:

Early phonics meeting for parents
Curriculum meeting for parents

—Theme Content—Curriculum links

Literacy /
Communication and
Language

Depending on their baseline assessments, the children will be introduced to sounds or they will be writing VC and CVC words.
The children will be practising name recognition and writing. There will be writing opportunities available which complement our jungle topic.

Key Texts -
Monkey Puzzle
Giraffes can't dance
Rumble in the Jungle
Little Monkey
The Lion Inside

Personal, Social and
Emotional

The children will work as a team to come up with class rules. The children will work as a team to take turns and learn all of their new friends names. We will talk about what makes a kind friend and why this is so important. The children will learn and talk about different families and how we are all different. We will discuss sharing and why it is important.



Understanding the
World

The children will learn the understanding of family and talk about people who are special to them. We will learn how to use the interactive whiteboard and create jungle pictures using the 'draw' program. The children will look at how colours change when they are mixed together. We will discuss where we live, our homes and our local environment. The children will learn and talk about how we are all different. We will talk about our own and other peoples beliefs.



Physical
Development

The children will learn about spatial awareness and how to find a space in the hall. We will focus on movement and moving around the hall carefully like different animals. The children will get an introduction to our outdoor area. We will focus on pencil grip and control. The children will also learn how to hold and use scissors correctly through various fine motor activities.



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Maths

The children will match and sort objects. We will focus and discuss size, mass and capacity. The children will explore, begin to recognise and recreate patterns using various objects.



Expressive Arts and Design

The children will paint self portraits, thinking about their features. We will create our own jungle animal mask, thinking and discussing about our favourite jungle animal and why. The children will create their own jungle animal paintings, thinking of the correct colours to use. We will work together to create a jungle collage.



Outdoor Learning Sessions

The children will explore our woods and hunt for natural items to create their own vase collage.

