Welcome to the Rainforest

Today’s theme is all about rainforest wildlife! A rainforest is a forest with lots and lots of trees and plants. So many trees and plants that it is hard to walk through. These rainforests are home to lots of different types of animals. There are small animals like tree frogs, morpho butterflies, and leafcutter ants. There are also big animals like gorillas, boa constrictors, and jaguars! Jungles are important because they are full of diversity and provide lots of important things for the planet!

Today’s fun includes a jungle poem, a handy-dandy craft to help you spot wildlife, and a wild matching game!
Take a Walk in the Rainforest

Anyone seen my rainforest?
Bright bananas
Slithering snakes
Enormous trees

Anyone heard my rainforest?
Gorillas shuffling
Chimpanzees screeching
Tigers roaring.

Anyone smelled my rainforest?
Sweet flowers
Fresh trees
Musty manatees.

Anyone felt my rainforest?
Prickly plants
Rough rocks
Sticky stingies.
DIY Jungle Binoculars

No rainforest expedition is complete without a proper pair of binoculars. Binoculars help you spot wildlife! Binoculars are helpful when you are looking for something in a dense forest. Follow the instructions below to make your very own pair of binoculars!

**MATERIALS**
- Toilet paper/paper towel
- Crayons & colored pencils
- Glue
- Scissors
- Duct tape
- String

**INSTRUCTIONS**

Decorate your tube with markers/paint/colored pencils. Decorate with animal patterns, shapes, or your name!

Glue two toilet paper tubes together longways. Hold the tubes together for 10-20 seconds while the glue dries. Cut a paper towel tube in half if you don’t have two toilet paper tubes.

Cut a piece of string/yarn to the length you want it to be. This will be a strap so you can wear your binoculars around your neck.
Take a piece of duct tape and wrap it around the two tubes. Make sure the string/yarn is tucked into the tape on each side of the binoculars. This will hold the string in place. It will also help hold your binoculars together.

**FAST FACT**
Rainforests are very dense. The large amount of trees and plants makes it hard for light to reach the ground.

**KEEP IT GOING!**
Experiment decorating your binoculars with different materials!

**TIME TO EXPLORE!**
Go outside and put your new binoculars to the test! Go outside and look for different animals and plants. Or stay inside and look for new things you have never seen before! Make a challenge and try to spot different objects you would not normally see without your binoculars!
Rainforest Matching

Rainforests are home to unique plants and animals. Test your knowledge by playing this matching game! Cut out all of the plants, animals, and names, and mix them around face down. Try to match the plant or animal to its name! If you forget the name of a plant or animal look at the answer sheet on the next page!

Toucan

Okapi

Jaguar

Anteater

Note: Print this page out single-sided.
Rainforest Matching Answers

Toucan  Okapi  Jaguar

Anteater  Capybara  Leafcutter Ant

Morpho Butterfly  Rubber Tree  Orchid

Venus Fly Trap
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