

**Reception**

# **Medium Term Planning**

**Term : Summer**

**Title : Animal Magic**

# Personal, Social and Emotional Development (Prime Area)

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## Learning Objectives

### Making Relationships

- Initiates conversations, attends to and takes account of what others say.
- Explains own knowledge and understanding, and asks appropriate questions of others.
- Takes steps to resolve conflicts with other children, e.g. finding a compromise.

**ELG: Children play co-operatively, taking turns with others. They take account of one another's ideas about how to organise their activity. They show sensitivity to others' needs and feelings, and form positive relationships with adults and other children.**

### Self –Confidence and Self-Awareness

- Confident to speak to others about own needs, wants, interests and opinions.
- Can describe self in positive terms and talk about abilities.

**ELG: Children are confident to try new activities, and say why they like some activities more than others. They are confident to speak in a familiar group, will talk about their ideas, and will choose the resources they need for their chosen activities. They say when they do or don't need help.**

### Managing Feelings and Behaviour

- Understands that own actions affect other people, for example, becomes upset or tries to comfort another child when they realise they have upset them.
- Aware of the boundaries set, and of behavioural expectations in the setting.
- Beginning to be able to negotiate and solve problems without aggression, e.g. when someone has taken their toy.

**ELG: Children talk about how they and others show feelings, talk about their own and others' behaviour, and its consequences, and know that some behaviour is unacceptable. They work as part of a group or class, and understand and follow the rules. They adjust their behaviour to different situations, and take changes of routine in their stride.**

## Suggested Activities

- Role play chosen and designed by the class. Opportunities to discuss in pairs and feedback to the class.
  - Children work on various projects to create the rainforest.
  - Rumbling Rainforest Day—opportunities for problems and challenges to take place in small groups and pairs. Children invited to dress up in animal or camouflage clothes.
1. In pairs—can you find a background, decide as a pair where is the best location to camouflage yourself. Using various materials to lie on/stand next to.
  2. Build a den outside to hide in with a small group.
  3. Two classes to work together to sort themselves into families of animals.
  4. Work on a rainforest canvas together all the children to contribute the layers of the rainforest, the habitat and the creatures that live there.

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# Physical Development (Prime Area)

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## Learning Objectives

### Moving and handling

- Experiments with different ways of moving.
- Jumps off an object and lands appropriately.
- Negotiates space successfully when playing racing and chasing games with other children, adjusting speed or changing direction to avoid obstacles.
- Travels with confidence and skill around, under, over and through balancing and climbing equipment.
- Shows increasing control over an object in pushing, patting, throwing, catching or kicking it.
- Uses simple tools to effect changes to materials.
- Handles tools, objects, construction and malleable materials safely and with increasing control.
- Shows a preference for a dominant hand.
- Begins to use anticlockwise movement and retrace vertical lines.
- Begins to form recognisable letters.
- Uses a pencil and holds it effectively to form recognisable letters, most of which are correctly formed.

**ELG: Children show good control and co-ordination in large and small movements. They move confidently in a range of ways, safely negotiating space. They handle equipment and tools effectively, including pencils for writing.**

### Health and self-care

- Eats a healthy range of foodstuffs and understands need for variety in food.
- Usually dry and clean during the day.
- Shows some understanding that good practices with regard to exercise, eating, sleeping and hygiene can contribute to good health.
- Shows understanding of the need for safety when tackling new challenges, and considers and manages some risks.
- Shows understanding of how to transport and store equipment safely.
- Practices some appropriate safety measures without direct supervision.

**ELG: Children know the importance for good health of physical exercise, and a healthy diet, and talk about ways to keep healthy and safe. They manage their own basic hygiene and personal needs successfully, including dressing and going to the toilet independently.**

## Suggested Activities

Plenty of opportunities to act out the behaviours of different animals through movements and sound, acting out the adjectives i.e. thumping elephant, slithering snake.

Recap on letter formation of the alphabet through animal dictionary work.

- Split Pin Teddy Bears
- Dough activities to increase fine motor control
- Using different types of media to draw and create —chunky pens, crayons, pencils, pens
- Activities to encourage development of letter formation—Description of animals etc.
- Healthy Day— afternoon of exercising. What keeps us healthy?
- Sports afternoon—Practising for Sports Day in the run up, discussing how it keeps us healthy and what we need to do.

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# Communication and Language (Prime Area)

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## Learning Objectives

### **Listening and attention**

- Maintains attention, concentrates and sits quietly during appropriate activity.
- Two-channelled attention – can listen and do for short span.

**ELG: Children listen attentively in a range of situations. They listen to stories, accurately anticipating key events and respond to what they hear with relevant comments, questions or actions. They give their attention to what others say and respond appropriately, while engaged in another activity.**

### **Understanding**

- Responds to instructions involving a two-part sequence. Understands humour, e.g. nonsense rhymes, jokes.
- Able to follow a story without pictures or props.
- Listens and responds to ideas expressed by others in conversation or discussion.

**ELG: Children follow instructions involving several ideas or actions. They answer 'how' and 'why' questions about their experiences and in response to stories or events.**

### **Speaking**

- Extends vocabulary, especially by grouping and naming, exploring the meaning and sounds of new words.
- Uses language to imagine and recreate roles and experiences in play situations.
- Links statements and sticks to a main theme or intention.
- Uses talk to organise, sequence and clarify thinking, ideas, feelings and events.
- Introduces a storyline or narrative into their play.

**ELG: Children express themselves effectively, showing awareness of listeners' needs. They use past, present and future forms accurately when talking about events that have happened or are to happen in the future. They develop their own narratives and explanations by connecting ideas or events.**

## Suggested Activities

- Children will learn range of songs about animals, linked to initial letter sound and dictionary work.
- Children will be giving several problems and instructions to sort and order when making their animal dictionaries.
- Dictionary flip chart—encourage lots of interaction about camouflage, rainforest, and minibeasts.
- Planning the class rainforest role play area together, all contributing to how it looks and include.
- Sort animals into groups, children think of ways to categorise, developing wider vocabulary.
- Play 'What am I' to describe different animals.

**Communication and Language permeates across all areas of learning and is developed daily through adult interaction, role play, stories, songs, letters and sounds activities, games, circle time, adults modelling listening and speaking etc.**

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# Literacy (Specific Area)

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## Learning Objectives

## Suggested Activities

### Reading

- Continues a rhyming string.
- Hears and says the initial sound in words.
- Can segment the sounds in simple words and blend them together and knows which letters represent some of them.
- Links sounds to letters, naming and sounding the letters of the alphabet.
- Begins to read words and simple sentences.
- Uses vocabulary and forms of speech that are increasingly influenced by their experiences of books.
- Enjoys an increasing range of books.
- Knows that information can be retrieved from books and computers.

#### Early Learning Goal

Children read and understand simple sentences. They use phonic knowledge to decode regular words and read them aloud accurately. They also read some common irregular words. They demonstrate understanding when talking with others about what they have read.

### Writing

- Gives meaning to marks they make as they draw, write and paint.
- Begins to break the flow of speech into words.
- Continues a rhyming string.
- Hears and says the initial sound in words.
- Can segment the sounds in simple words and blend them together.
- Links sounds to letters, naming and sounding the letters of the alphabet.
- Uses some clearly identifiable letters to communicate meaning, representing some sounds correctly and in sequence.
- Writes own name and other things such as labels, captions.
- Attempts to write short sentences in meaningful contexts.

#### Early Learning Goal

Children use their phonic knowledge to write words in ways which match their spoken sounds. They also write some irregular common words. They write simple sentences which can be read by themselves and others. Some words are spelt correctly and others are phonetically plausible.

- A range of fiction and non fiction books about animals, rainforest, camouflage, minibeasts.
- Range of dictionaries for animal dictionaries.
- Learning songs about letters of the weeks.
- Make mini books about a minibeast riddle.
- Children to make own animal dictionaries working through alphabet order.
- Carry out range of reading tasks linked to letter of dictionary.
- Research, sort, categorise animals.

Children to be involved in daily literacy activities either adult led in small/large groups or independent activities at choosing time - stories with props, singing, rhymes, letters and sounds etc

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- Label, find out facts, write stories about various creatures.
- Opportunities to write about rainforest and camouflage linked to the role play area.
- Made labels of their own photographs describing their camouflage.
- Label the class canvas with the rainforest pictures.
- Learn and label the rainforest role play, i.e. forest floor, canopy.
- What am I books
- Story maps

# Mathematics (Specific Area)

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## Learning Objectives

### Numbers

- Recognise some numerals of personal significance.
- Recognises numerals 1 to 5.
- Counts up to three or four objects by saying one number name for each item.
- Counts actions or objects which cannot be moved.
- Counts objects to 10, and beginning to count beyond 10.
- Counts out up to six objects from a larger group.
- Selects the correct numeral to represent 1 to 5, then 1 to 10 objects.
- Counts an irregular arrangement of up to ten objects.
- Estimates how many objects they can see and checks by counting them.
- Uses the language of 'more' and 'fewer' to compare two sets of objects.
- Finds the total number of items in two groups by counting all of them.
- Says the number that is one more than a given number.
- Finds one more or one less from a group of up to five objects, then ten objects.
- In practical activities and discussion, beginning to use the vocabulary involved in adding and subtracting.
- Records, using marks that they can interpret and explain.
- Begins to identify own mathematical problems based on own interests and fascinations.

**ELG: Children count reliably with numbers from one to 20, place them in order and say which number is one more or one less than a given number. Using quantities and objects, they add and subtract two single-digit numbers and count on or back to find the answer. They solve problems, including doubling, halving and sharing.**

### Shape, space and measures

- Beginning to use mathematical names for 'solid' 3D shapes and 'flat' 2D shapes, and mathematical terms to describe shapes.
- Selects a particular named shape.
- Can describe their relative position such as '*behind*' or '*next to*'.
- Orders two or three items by length or height.
- Orders two items by weight or capacity.
- Uses familiar objects and common shapes to create and recreate patterns and build models.
- Uses everyday language related to time.
- Beginning to use everyday language related to money.
- Orders and sequences familiar events.
- Measures short periods of time in simple ways.

**ELG: Children use everyday language to talk about size, weight, capacity, position, distance, time and money to compare quantities and objects and to solve problems.**

**They recognise, create and describe patterns. They explore characteristics of everyday objects and shapes and use mathematical language to describe them.**

## Suggested Activities

- Children will be able to sort animals into groups using various attributes, sort by size, height, length.
- Bar charts on favourite animals.
- Rainforest Day—when children are dressed up positional activity to describe the whereabouts.
- 1 elephant began to play

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**Size and shape of animals, length, weight, height. Compare mini beasts to elephants. How many squares can you fit on Elmer.  
Looking for minibests in the garden.  
Symmetrical butterfly  
How many dots on the ladybird**

# Understanding the World (Specific Area)

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## Learning Objectives

### People and communities

- Enjoys joining in with family customs and routines.

**ELG: Children talk about past and present events in their own lives and in the lives of family members. They know that other children don't always enjoy the same things, and are sensitive to this. They know about similarities and differences between themselves and others, and among families, communities and traditions.**

### The world

- Looks closely at similarities, differences, patterns and change.

**ELG: Children know about similarities and differences in relation to places, objects, materials and living things. They talk about the features of their own immediate environment and how environments might vary from one another. They make observations of animals and plants and explain why some things occur, and talk about changes.**

### Technology

- Completes a simple program on a computer.
- Uses ICT hardware to interact with age-appropriate computer software.

**ELG: Children recognise that a range of technology is used in places such as homes and schools. They select and use technology for particular purposes.**

## Suggested Activities

- Range of opportunities to learn about different habitats eg the rainforest, finding out about different locations, researching different creatures, rainforest layers, camouflage, survival.
- Making biscuits and sandwiches for Teddy Bear's Picnic.
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Visit to Kirkley Hall Zoological Gardens

# Expressive Arts and Design (Specific Area)

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## Suggested Activities

### Exploring and using media and materials

- Begins to build a repertoire of songs and dances.
- Explores the different sounds of instruments.
- Explores what happens when they mix colours.
- Experiments to create different textures.
- Understands that different media can be combined to create new effects.
- Manipulates materials to achieve a planned effect.
- Constructs with a purpose in mind, using a variety of resources.
- Uses simple tools and techniques competently and appropriately.
- Selects appropriate resources and adapts work where necessary.
- Selects tools and techniques needed to shape, assemble and join materials they are using.

**ELG: Children sing songs, make music and dance, and experiment with ways of changing them. They safely use and explore a variety of materials, tools and techniques, experimenting with colour, design, texture, form and function.**

### Being imaginative

- Create simple representations of events, people and objects.
- Initiates new combinations of movement and gesture in order to express and respond to feelings, ideas and experiences.
- Chooses particular colours to use for a purpose.
- Introduces a storyline or narrative into their play.
- Plays alongside other children who are engaged in the same theme.
- Plays cooperatively as part of a group to develop and act out a narrative.

**ELG: Children use what they have learnt about media and materials in original ways, thinking about uses and purposes. They represent their own ideas, thoughts and feelings through design and technology, art, music, dance, role play and stories.**

- Make a rainforest and record it.
- Setting up and playing in the role play.
- Making plantation, leaves, exotic flowers, canopies using a range of media and junk modelling.
- Painting different animals — Rainforest birds, reptiles, farm animals, insects, dinosaurs, bears
- Creating animals using junk modelling
- Camouflage animals with camouflage backgrounds. Explore colour mixing.
- Thinking about camouflage outside, design dens to protect them, take boxes outside, camouflage effect.
- Creating Dinosaur fossils using clay
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**Role play ..rainforest. Animals or safari visitors.**

