

Stories and songs:

This term, we will enjoy a range of stories linked to our topic of South America and the Amazon Rainforest, including *Pete the Cat: Rocking in My School Shoes*, *Slowly, Slowly, Slowly, Said the Sloth* and *Len and Ren*. We will develop listening, attention, communication and comprehension skills through stories, songs, rhymes, sequencing activities, vocabulary work and sensory experiences.

Literacy and Phonic

Phonics will be taught daily and adapted to each child's individual stage of learning, from exploring and identifying sounds and developing early mark-making skills, through to learning Set 1 sounds, blending and reading. Children will work within small, appropriately matched groups so that activities can be tailored to their individual needs and next steps.

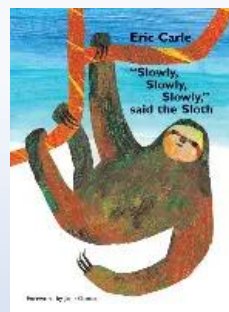
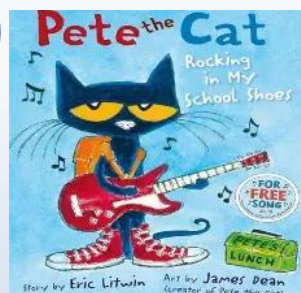
Problem Solving and Reasoning:

Maths will be practical, engaging and differentiated to meet each child at their individual starting point. We will develop number recognition, counting, comparing quantities, grouping, sorting, one more/one less and early number concepts, using concrete resources and real-life situations. As the term progresses, some children will begin to explore addition and subtraction, while others will work towards solving simple number problems using practical and visual resources.

Owl Class

Theme

Hot countries: The Amazon rainforest



How you can help at home:

Talk positively and enthusiastically about school and the new term.

Share stories together and encourage your child to look at pictures, listen, point, answer questions or retell parts of the story in their own way.

Practise recognising sounds, letters, numbers and familiar environmental sounds through short, fun activities.

Encourage counting during everyday activities, such as counting toys, stairs, food or objects around the house. Explore the Amazon Rainforest together through books, pictures, music or child-friendly videos.

Talk about rainforest animals and encourage your child to learn and use new vocabulary.

Encourage independence with everyday routines such as dressing, eating, tidying up and getting ready for school.

Other Curriculum areas:

Geography – Our Theme

We will explore **South America and the Amazon Rainforest**, learning about weather, climate, seasons, maps, directional language and how life in the Amazon compares with life in the UK.

Art

Children will create colourful rainforest-inspired artwork using a variety of materials and techniques, including painting, collage, printing and texture.

Music

We will explore rainforest sounds through songs, rhythm, movement, body percussion and a range of instruments, creating our own rainforest soundscapes.

Design Technology

We will develop practical skills through simple food preparation, exploring different ingredients, equipment and textures while encouraging children to become increasingly independent.

Science

We will investigate everyday materials and explore their properties, including how they respond to different weather conditions such as rain, heat and cold.

PSHE

We will focus on recognising and expressing emotions, self-regulation, positive relationships, sharing, cooperation, routines and staying safe, including online safety.

RE

We will explore celebrations and special events through sensory experiences, stories, music, art and opportunities to learn and celebrate together.

Highlights:

20th of October Phase one Theme celebration

Halloween party date to be confirmed

Inset day: October 5th Parent consultation: October 14th