



WORKSHOP SUMMARY

A Pocketful of Eden

Journey deep into the heart of Eden and use your senses to discover a magical world of plants and people. Part-led by an Eden Education Officer, this fun, engaging and safe activity is an ideal learning experience for Early Years children visiting the Eden Project.

How long? The first 30 minutes is led by Eden's Education Team and then the length of time you spend in the Rainforest Biome is up to you.

Who? EYFS and Key Stage 1

Where? The workshop starts in the Core, Eden Project's innovative education centre, before moving into the Rainforest Biome.

Children will:

- Sustain attentive listening, responding to what they have heard with relevant comments, questions or actions.
- Investigate objects and materials by using all of their senses as appropriate.
- Respond in a variety of ways to what they see, hear smell, touch and feel.

Curriculum Links

Early learning goals in Communication, Language and Literacy, Knowledge and understanding of the world and Creative Development.

KS 1 Science	KS 1 English	KS 1 Geography
1.2b, 2.1b, 2.2g, f	1.2a, 2.3d, 2.6e, f	3e

What happens?

Children will experience an exciting and immersive story about plants and people, brought to life with props, movement and pictures. The workshop activity will continue in the Rainforest Biome with a fun and interactive sensory trail led by the teachers.

Practicalities



Our Education Team will lead the beginning of your workshop session in the Core, your time in the Rainforest Biome is flexible and there is no requirement for you to return to the Core once you have finished the trail.

We provide all the equipment for the workshop and trails for exploring the Rainforest Biome - please drop these back to your lunch room in the Core when you have finished.

Our programmes are focussed learning experiences; they do not provide a general introduction to Eden Project, so please allow sufficient unstructured exploration time for your children during the day.

Additional information is on our website
www.edenproject.com

Before you come:

Children could complete a variety of activities which require them to practise using their senses for example:

Nature's Colours

Give each child a strip of card with double sided sticky tape to make an artist's palette. Children look really closely at all the colours around them and pick up small bits of colour to add to their palette.

Use to launch work in class on colour/shades of same colour in art... or work on natural collage, exploring natural dyes in art and science.

Feely Bags

Put various different objects into opaque feely bags and ask a child to feel the objects and describe them to the rest of the group. Children guess what the objects are.

Listening fingers

Children sit or lie down, close eyes and listen very carefully. Children hold their hands in front of them and raise a finger for each different sound they hear.

My Favourite Foods (part 1)

Get children to draw or cut out pictures of the foods their families eat and stick them onto a large sheet of paper to create a class display.

Follow up:

My Favourite Foods (part 2)

Remind the children of their trip to Eden and the foods that they found out about that grow in the rainforest. Use the display of foods their families eat created before their trip to Eden and see how many of those foods come from the rainforest.

Taste activity

Using blindfolds children taste different types of foods from tropical rainforests and guess what they are (e.g. chocolate, pineapple, banana, coconut, bamboo shoots, peanuts, mango, tea, sugar, coffee, rice, ginger). Once they have guessed the food the children could be shown a picture of the plant that the food comes from. Be sure to check for allergies first.

Rubbings

In the Rainforest the children discovered many different leaf shapes, textures and sizes. Walk around the school site and count how many different types leaf shapes you can see. Children could take photos, collect a selection of leaves or make wax crayon rubbings to show the different patterns.

Useful websites

www.naturedetectives.org.uk/ This website produced by The Woodland Trust contains lots of resources and packs which are free to download.

www.bbc.co.uk/schools/ks1bitesize/literacy/rhyme/index.shtml This game practises rhyming words.

www.sparklebox.co.uk/topic/living/jungle.html This website contains lots of useful resources about rainforest animals which are free to download.

Books to Read

Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See? by B. Martin, Jr. and Eric Carle

The Five Senses (It's Science) by Sally Hewitt

The Magic School Bus Explores the Senses by Joanna Cole and Bruce Degan

My Eyes Are for Seeing by Jane Belk-Moncure and Viki Woodworth

Rumble in The Jungle by Giles Andreae and David Wojtowycz