

GETTING STARTED

with the FOREST

Your students are going to love learning all about the Forest Habitat through exploration with real world connections, and you are going to love all that is packed in this habitat unit! This overview is set up to show you everything that is included and how it can be used best. Pick and choose what works for you and your students.

FOREST science	
MATERIALS needed • Forest books (see list) • Copy paper • Another sheet paper • Tree Template • Colored Paper • Glue • Bubble Wrap • Green Paint • Paper Plates	
M <i>Monday</i> Read a nonfiction book about forests. Read a fiction book about forests. Add facts about forests.	T <i>Tuesday</i> Read a nonfiction book about forests. Read a fiction book about forests. Add facts about forests.
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LESSON PLANS

These comprehensive lesson plans are ready for you to integrate learning about the Forest habitat into every aspect of your classroom. They are perfect for supplementing existing curriculum or pulling engaging activities when you're short on time.

Dear Families, **FOREST** science and conditions and we'll spend a lot of time understanding of

AT-HOME ACTIVITY:
 Learn and play with your children about forests with your local woods/forest and see what you can find!

AT-HOME LETTER

Send home these notes and let families know what their children are learning about in science. This letter also includes ideas for families to extend the learning at home.

TEACHER GUIDE for THE FOREST HABITAT

HABITATS

parts of the world that don't experience temperatures that are extremely hot or cold year-round are called temperate forests.

There are two main types of temperate forests: deciduous and coniferous.

Deciduous forests have trees that lose their leaves in the fall. Coniferous forests have trees that keep their needles year-round.

Animals that live in temperate forests include: deer, squirrels, chipmunks, rabbits, and birds.

Plants that live in temperate forests include: oak trees, maple trees, and pine trees.

TEACHER GUIDE

Everything you need to know for teaching about the Forest habitat is ready for you in this guide. When students want to dig deeper, you will be prepared with fun facts to keep their interest and deepen their knowledge.

SCIENCE CENTER

Use this guide for tips on how to set up your science center and keep students motivated to enter the science center each day to make new discoveries.

SCIENCE CENTER for FOREST HABITAT

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Fill your center with lots of fun materials!

Put your kids on a mission to investigate and

share your findings with the class!

enthusiasm in just a short minute or two. You will need to create a sign or chart that congratulates the scientist and return to their center. It can be as simple as a Post-it bump high five.

At this time, the scientist can use to investigate and share their findings with the class.

QUESTIONS TO ASK for HABITATS

HABITATS
Why are habitats important to live things?
What kind of habitats are near you?
Describe your habitat.

FOREST HABITAT
• Why would you live in a forest?
• Why do plants live in forests?
• How do animals live in forests?

SCIENCE talk

How would you know...?
Why do you think that...?
What else might have caused...?
How can you explain your findings? Recall in your own words...?
How does that work?
Can you draw me a picture of your findings?
Can you think of another way...?
Create a new solution.
How would you handle this problem/challenge/question?

QUESTIONS

Encourage your students' natural curiosities with questions relating to the Forest habitat. You may also print off the provided list of open-ended questions that can be used with any science lesson to encourage "science talk" with your class.

FOREST SENSORY BIN IDEAS

- Sensory tubs are wonderful for your kids to play with. They provide a fun and imaginative way to learn about the forest.
1. Fill a tub with water and add some forest scents for a base on one end.
 2. Add some forest sounds to the water.
 3. Add some clear glass beads for a shimmering hole.
 4. Add plastic bugs, woodland animals, etc.
 5. Use tweezers to move animals around in the habitat.

SENSORY BIN

Create a Forest sensory bin for your students to play and explore in using our suggested materials and ideas.

FOREST BOOKS

To help with the planning of your Habitats Unit, we have curated a list of our favorite Forest BOOKS. Click anywhere on the page to be taken to our Amazon Favorites.



BOOK LIST

To make planning easy, we have curated a list of our favorite Forest habitat books that will engage your students while they learn new information.

FOREST VIDEOS

To assist with the planning of your Habitats Unit, we have curated a list of our favorite Forest VIDEOS.



VIDEO LIST

To make planning easy, we have curated a list of our favorite Forest habitat videos. Each picture is linked to the corresponding video.

LESSON CONTENT

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FOREST POWERPOINT

This includes a PowerPoint to project on a smartboard and printable posters to use as a big book or display in your science center.

ANCHOR CHART

Forest



Using our provided header and tree templates, make an anchor chart with your students throughout the week to show what they've learned.



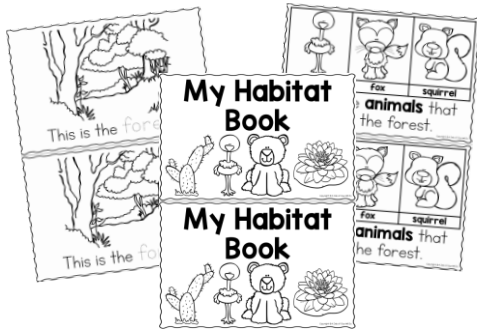
ANIMAL MATCH ACTIVITY

Students can sort and identify the animals that live in the Forest with this match activity. This can be done as a whole group activity or put into a center.

EMERGENT READER



Students can practice one-to-one correspondence while reading this easy reader. After reading the book in whole group, copies can be put in the reading center or sent home for extra practice.



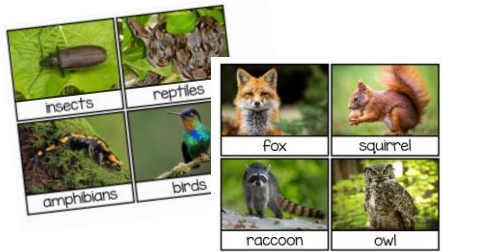
MY HABITAT BOOK

After learning about the plants and animals that live in the Forest, students can complete this habitat book.



HABITAT SLIDERS

Students can use these sliders as a reference to remember what plants and animals live in the habitat.



ANIMAL & PLANT CARDS

You can use these animal and plant cards on the board, in your writing center, or at each table for students to refer to throughout the week.



HABITAT HAT

Students can show what they've learned about the animals that live in the habitat with this fun hat project.



HABITAT CRAFT

To culminate the unit, students can make this habitat craft. You can choose whether to have them use the sentence strip option or not.

BONUS MATERIALS

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WRITING CENTER

Set up your writing center with word cards and writing papers that meet the needs of your students. Need all uppercase letters or just lowercase? No writing lines or list writing paper? There is something for every learner.



DEFINITION POSTERS

These posters use real-life pictures and simple definitions that are easy for students to understand. Hang them up in your science center, add new ones to your whole group area each day, or project on your smart board.



WORD WALL

Add the new vocabulary you are introducing to your students throughout the week to the word wall. Students can refer to these words throughout the year.



CIRCLE MAPS

Use this circle map when introducing the habitat to see what your students know, or after you teach the unit for them to demonstrate their new knowledge. This can be used individually, as a graphic organizer, or as a whole group.



HABITAT SONG

Use this song to transition throughout the unit. Put a copy in the library center for students to practice.



STEM CENTER

Use this STEM challenge to engage your students in hands-on learning through exploration during the habitat units. Complete the activity as a whole group or place the materials in a center and let your students explore.

