

Activity six: A rainforest meal

Curriculum links:

Art, Science, PSHEC

Activity 6a:

In the first session have the children make a range of cut out shapes to represent foods available to the people living in Maria Ribeira. For example, fish, mangoes, açai, bananas, coconuts, pineapples, star fruit, quava, oranges, cassava are common to the area. Use cardboard and decorate with paint or collage materials.

Activity 6b:

Have the food hidden around the classroom during a break-time and when the children come in they work in pairs to find a 'meal' from around the room. After the food has all been found, discuss with the children what it would be like to 'live off the land'. What would be the good things about it? What might they find difficult? Get them to think about how bad weather might affect the food they gathered and how it would structure their days if they had to search for things they needed.

Activity 6c:

Make a 'Rainforest Meal' display from the cut-out food.