## Science

- The child learned about the diversity of plants and animals in the rainforest through the songs and reading.
- They explored the concept of habitats and how rainforests provide a unique environment for various species.
- The child gained an understanding of the importance of rainforests for global climate regulation and oxygen production.
- They also learned about the threats to rainforests, such as deforestation and how it impacts the ecosystem.

For continued development, encourage the child to create their own rainforest song or poem. They can research different animals and plants found in rainforests and incorporate their findings into their creative piece. This activity will reinforce their understanding of the concepts learned and allow them to express their knowledge in a fun and artistic way.

## **Book Recommendations**

- <u>The Great Kapok Tree</u> by Lynne Cherry: This book tells the story of a man who falls asleep while trying to cut down a kapok tree in the rainforest. While he sleeps, the animals living in the tree whisper in his ear, sharing the importance of the tree and the interconnectedness of all living beings in the rainforest.
- <u>The Rainforest Grew All Around</u> by Susan K. Mitchell: This sing-along book takes children on a journey through the layers of the rainforest, introducing them to various animals and plants along the way. The repetitive text and catchy tune make it a great book for engaging young readers.
- <u>Over in the Jungle: A Rainforest Rhyme</u> by Marianne Berkes: This interactive counting book introduces children to the wildlife of the rainforest. Through vibrant illustrations and rhyming text, readers are invited to count the different animals they encounter on each page.

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