



RAINFOREST CURRICULUM NEWSLETTER

Autumn Term 2026

Rainforest follows a personalised Equals curriculum shaped around each learner's needs, interests, communication and independence. This newsletter shares the learning planned for Explorers and Investigators during the autumn term.

EXPLORERS CURRICULUM

Explorers follow the Equals Informal Curriculum, with communication, sensory exploration, engagement and personalised learning at its heart.

Our themes are All About Me and My Family, My Family, My Play and Leisure, My Favourite Food and a seasonal walk.

INVESTIGATORS CURRICULUM

Investigators follow the Equals Semi-formal Curriculum, developing communication, independence, social interaction, thinking and problem-solving.

Our themes are All About Me and My Family, My Family, My Play and Leisure, My Favourite Things, My Hobbies and Interests, My Family, My Favourite Foods and a seasonal walk.

Our learning this term – Explorers and Investigators

MY COMMUNICATION

Learners will share information about themselves, their families, favourite things, foods and interests using their most effective communication methods.

MY PLAY AND LEISURE

Learners will explore favourite play and leisure activities, develop shared attention and practise playing alongside or with others.

THE WORLD ABOUT ME

Learners will explore people who are important to them and notice seasonal changes through meaningful, first-hand experiences.

MY INDEPENDENCE

Learners will be supported to make purposeful choices about favourite foods, objects and activities and to take part in familiar routines.

MY THINKING AND PROBLEM SOLVING

Learners will build understanding through choosing, matching, sorting, remembering and responding during practical activities linked to the autumn themes.

MY PHYSICAL WELL-BEING

Learners will take part in movement, sensory and outdoor experiences, including a seasonal walk, with support matched to individual needs.

AUTUMN CELEBRATIONS

We will experience Harvest in October, Bonfire Night in November and Christmas in December through accessible, meaningful activities.

FAMILY STAY AND PLAY

Families will be invited to a stay and play session to share learning, enjoy activities together and strengthen links between home and school.

AT HOME

Share family photographs and talk, sign or use symbols about favourite people, foods, things and hobbies. Notice changes during an autumn walk together.

PERSONALISED PROGRESS

Learning will be adapted to individual starting points and linked to each pupil's communication, independence and EHCP priorities.