

CHIMPANZEE



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TEACHERS' TROPICAL TIPS

On the following page are some tips on turning your classroom into a tropical rainforest fit for Oscar and his chums.

CANOPY

Use camouflage material, or green crepe paper, attached to the ceiling of the classroom. If you can SAFELY drape the material over or around skylight or lights, this creates a tropical 'green' jungle feel.

VINES

Ask children to bring in lengths of rope to use as hanging vines.

LEAVES

Use the leaf template available as a PDF at www.filmeducation.org/chimpanzee under the Tropical Classroom section photocopied for children to colour or paint in different shades of green. Create a feature 'rainforest wall' using the different sized leaves and adding the flowers and animals.

FLOWERS

Use large pieces of brightly coloured tissue paper to make tropical flowers. These could be taped to the walls and windows.

INSECTS/ANIMALS

Ask children to raid their toy collections for models of bugs (ants, beetles, spiders, snakes, monkeys, bats, butterflies, birds etc). These can be placed around the classroom at the appropriate level.

REAL PLANTS

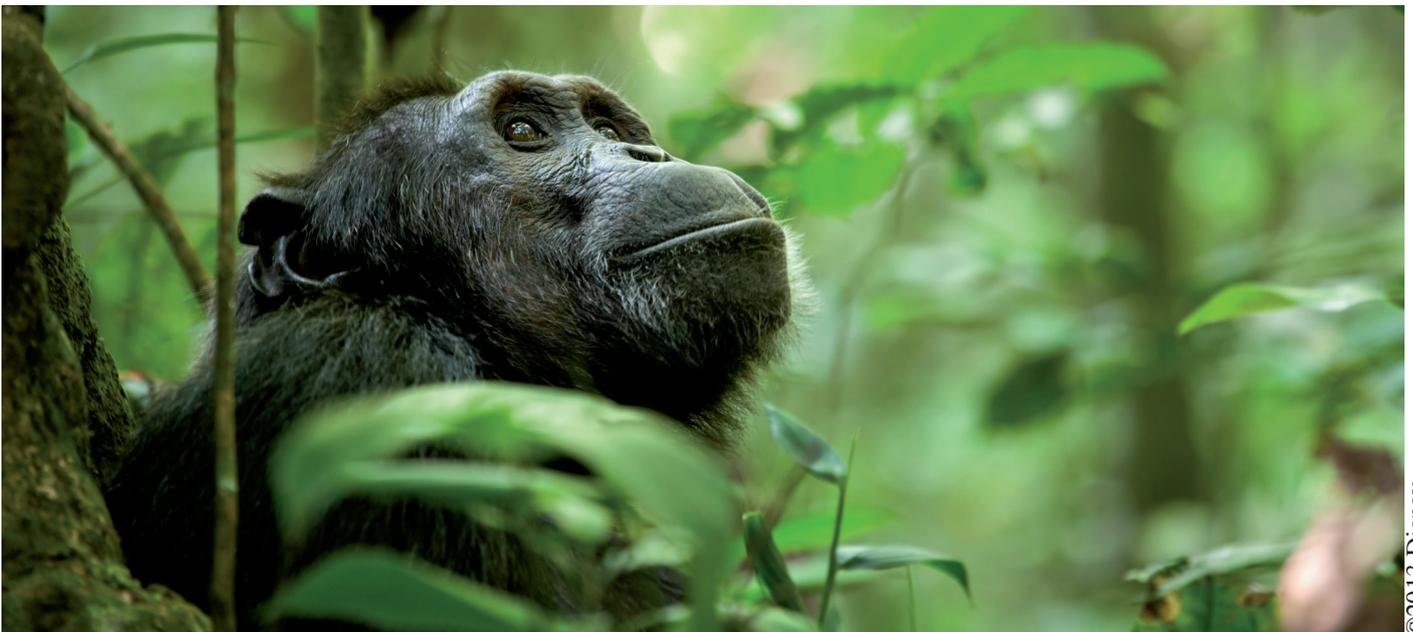
Bring in real plants: potted palms or brightly coloured flowers and display around the classroom.

SCENTS

Hang pouches of cinnamon or coffee around the classroom to create the jungle aroma.

WATER FEATURE

Use blue crepe paper flecked with white paint to create a waterfall effect in the corner of the classroom.



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FILMING LOCAL FLORA AND FAUNA

The *Chimpanzee* camera crew lived in the rainforest for 700 days. Find out more about their experiences here: <http://thedisneyblog.com/2012/04/04/chimpanzee-to-open-on-earth-day/>

Add a moving image element to your tropical classroom display by creating a film of plants growing in your local area. Choose a budding plant to film and film it for 30 seconds every day for a week. Edit the footage together and have it playing on the interactive whiteboard when your visitors come to see your Tropical Classroom.



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