

JAGUARS AND JUNGLES



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know?



The jaguar is the third largest big cat after lions and tigers and the largest big cat in the Americas.

Jaguars are most at home in jungles and rainforest and are good swimmers.

A jaguar's bite is stronger than a lion's and it crushes the skulls of its prey with its strong jaws

AIM

To recreate the movements of a jaguar creeping through the jungles and rainforest of South America.

OBJECTIVES

- To learn some simple facts about jaguars and their habitats
- To come up with some words to describe how jaguars move and recreate these movements

TIMING 45 mins

RESOURCES

Photographs of jaguars or short film clips (search YouTube and check for suitability), jaguar music (search YouTube for phrases like jaguar jungle music).

CURRICULUM LINKS

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LESSON PLAN



INTRODUCTION

As a class, look at some pictures of jaguars. They are spotty like leopards but physically stockier and stronger. They live in the rainforest and jungles of Central and South America and stalk their prey through the jungles. They can swim and will hunt anything from fish and frogs to larger mammals. With their spots they can hide in the dappled light of the forest and creep up silently on their prey.

DEVELOPMENT

Explain that the children are going to create some jaguar movements. Ask for some suggestions about how to describe how a jaguar moves – creep, stalk, walk, pounce, jump, swim etc. It might walk slowly and silently when stalking its prey ready to pounce and strike with its powerful jaws and strong paws. In a large space, ask the children to find their own space and start to become a jaguar. Ask them to admire their sleek spotted coats and huge paws. Can they swish their tails and pad silently around the room? To the music, ask the children to creep, stalk, hide and pounce around the jungle. How might the jaguar swim?

PLENARY

Ask half the class to sit and watch as the other half show their jaguar movements. Ask them to watch for the stories told by the jaguars' movements. Swap and watch the other half of the class perform.

EXTENSION

We certainly don't have any jaguars, lions or tigers in the UK but we do have their distant relatives – the domestic cat. On the walk to school, can the children see if they can spot any domestic cats and observe how they move? Like the jaguars, they might creep, stalk, climb and hide or perhaps they might wash themselves clean. Cats love to be clean. Watch how they observe everything around them and can move quickly and lightly if they sense danger.

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