

Rainforest Warriors

Summer Term 2



This topic has been primarily designed to develop the children's understanding of geographical features of a tropical

rainforest, including the climate, the four layers that make up a typical rainforest and the types of animals and wildlife that live/grow there.

English

During this topic, the children will use their experiences from the zoo to write a non-chronological report about an animal of their choice. Also, from their research, they will develop persuasive arguments for and against deforestation of rainforests.

Maths

In Maths, the children will be learning about position and direction and different types of angles. In addition to this, we will be looking at money and money problems as well as revisiting written methods of calculation when problem solving.



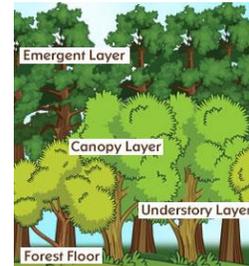
Geography

Geography is the primary focus for this topic and the children will investigate the geographical location and features of different rainforests,

particularly the four layers of the rainforest and the plant/animal life that inhabits each layer. We will be looking at the lives of indigenous tribes and how they differ from our own. We will also investigate the reasons behind deforestation and how this impacts the local and wider environment.

Science

This half term the children will be focusing on Living Things and their Habitats. The children will begin by revisiting different ways to group and categorise animals in order to create classification keys to identify different rainforest animals. As well as this, children will also be learning about food chains.



Computing

Using inspiration from a book 'Wake up Sloth' the children will be creating a stop frame animation to illustrate deforestation. They will also be linking their science and computing lessons to create classification trees using the program 2branch.

PE

In PE the children will be developing their athletics skills. Sports day is on Wednesday 26th June.

PSHE

Children will learn about different ways to earn money and how to keep it safe when they have money. This will link strongly to their charity work.

Colchester Zoo

On Friday 14th June 2019 the children will be visiting Colchester Zoo to develop their understanding and knowledge of rainforest animals. A letter has been sent with more details.

Charity Event

In this topic, the children will decide how they would like to raise money to save some of the Amazon rainforest. Watch this space for news about their event. The event (whatever they choose to do) will take place on the week beginning 15th July 2019.

Ways to help at home

Please continue to support your child with their weekly homework, spellings and times tables. You can also help your child by encouraging them to read daily. Reading to an adult and discussing a book is really beneficial to their learning.



Key dates:

The children will have another week of swimming straight after half term so please remember their swimming kits.

- 2 INSET days: 28th June, 1st July.
- Reports will go out on 5th July.
- School fete: Saturday 6th July.
- Open evening: Thursday 18th July.