

Rainforest Warriors

Summer Term 2



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

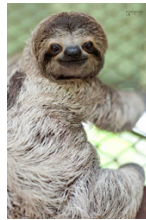
We will explore: the climate; the four layers that make up a typical rainforest; and the types of animals and wildlife that live/grow there.

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 writing skills to argue against the 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 time problems, as well as revisiting written methods of calculation when problem solving.



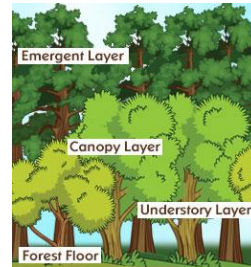
Geography

Geography is an important 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

In science, we will be learning about living things and their habitats. The children will begin by revisiting different ways to group and categorise animals in order to create classification keys. As well as this, children will also be learning about food chains.



Computing

Using Google Sheets, children will be inputting and manipulating data, using charts and graphs to present their findings. They will also be linking their science and computing lessons to create classification keys using an online program.

PSHE

Children will learn about different ways to earn money and how to keep it safe. This will link strongly to their charity work in this topic. In addition, children will be discussing how to cope with change, which includes understanding the body and the importance of good hygiene.

ZooLab

On Thursday 16th June 2022, the children will be visited by experts from ZooLab to develop their understanding and knowledge of rainforest animals. A letter has been sent with more details.

PE

In PE the children will be developing their athletics and swimming skills. Sports day is on Wednesday 6th July.

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 will take place after school on Wednesday 13th July.

Ways to help at home

Please continue to support your child to prepare for the Year 4 Multiplication Check - which will be happening this half term - using the Maths Factor website: <https://www.themathsfactor.com/times-tables-check>



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 continue with swimming straight after half term so please remember their swimming kits.

- Assessment week: 6th - 10th June
- Non-pupil days: Fri 1st July & Mon 4th July
- Sports Day: Weds 6th July
- Reports will go out on Fri 8th July
- Open evening: Thurs 14th July
- Last day of term: Thurs 21st July