

Year Group: 5 Term: Spring 2

Big Question: Why does the Earth need rainforests?

Children will learn about rainforests, focussing on the Amazon. They will understand climate and ecological features, as well as the effects of deforestation and human impact on the indigenous tribes.

Rainforest Survival Hook Lesson: We will step into the Amazon rainforest, completing survival challenges like spotting signs of life, finding water, and creating soundscapes. This interactive activity will build excitement and curiosity about the story's adventure.

Spring 2 Key Dates

First day of term: Monday 24th February

Last day of term: Friday 4th April

Trip: The Greenwich Mosque (date tbc)

Walnut Class Sharing Assembly: Friday 21st March

Living Eggs in school 17th-28th March

Hazel Class Sharing Assembly: Friday 6th June

Subjects

English

Children will be focusing on improving their writing skills and will write non-chronological reports about the rainforest. After researching the rainforest, they will logically arrange their information so it best supports their purpose. To engage the reader's interest, they will use particular language and structural devices.

Maths

This term our focus will be on fractions, decimals, and percentages, making key connections along the way. By applying mathematical reasoning techniques, we will apply our knowledge of area and perimeter to study different shapes and their properties.

Science

In Science, children will investigate many aspects of animals, including humans, including traits, adaptations, and life cycles. They will discover the processes of human and animal birth, development, and evolution as well as the basic needs of survival and good health.

Geography

In Geography, children will explore rainforests and their surroundings. The characteristics of a rainforest, both natural and man-made, and their means of survival will be our main topics. Furthermore, they will investigate the ways in which the rainforests are being harmed by climate change and other reasons.

Art/DT

We are studying the artist Viktor Bevan, a non-verbal autistic teenager who has already won an Emmy for his bold, bright animal art. We will be drawing our own rainforest animals in his style using oil pastels.

Music

In music, children can develop our musicality and create music without using instruments. They will discover that they can create music with any part of their body, including their feet (stomping), hands (clapping, snapping, patting), and any other part of their body.

Computing

We will be learning how HTML is used to create and structure content on a webpage using tags for headings and paragraphs.

R.E.

We will be deepen our understanding of what it means to be a Muslim in RE and continue to learn about the five pillars of Islam and how it impact Muslims' everyday lives.

P.E.

Children will be developing their basketball skills and learning and practising dance techniques. Our PE days are **Wednesday** and **Friday**.

Personal Development

In Personal Development, we will investigate further into the ways that different media target internet information. We will also explore different jobs and careers.

Core Text

