

Theme: The Rainforest

Geography The Rainforest

Our main topic this term is learning about the rainforests of the world. Children will learn where rainforests are and why they only occur in certain places. We will then look at the continent of South America with a particular class focus on Brazil.

Science

Earth and Space. This term we will be taking a close look at Earth and her nearest neighbours. We will look at the relative sizes of the planets in our solar system and learn about why we have seasons and tides.

DT

Mechanisms – we will be exploring cams and making our own rainforest themed toy using cams.

Maths

Grid references for mapping.
Ratio and scaling for relative sizes of planets.

Art

We will be using clay to create sculptures based on our rainforest topic.

English

An exploration of adventure narratives with a focus on rainforest adventures.

‘Journey to the River Sea’ by Eva Ibbotson is our class text for the term. We will also be looking at ‘The Great Kapok Tree’ and ‘The Shaman’s Apprentice,’ both by Lynne Cherry, in guided reading.

Persuasion – writing formal persuasion letters to our MP and Tesco about deforestation in the Amazon rainforest. Will we get replies?

Explanation texts – a new rainforest species is discovered!

Letters in role – as Maia and other characters.

Recommended reads

‘The Explorer’ by Katherine Rundell - one of our class favourite authors!
‘The Jungle Book’ by Rudyard Kipling – a surprisingly challenging read!

PSHE/Jigsaw

This term's themes are Relationships and Changes.

Religious education

Christianity: Is Christianity still a strong religion 2000 years after Jesus was on Earth?
Islam: Does belief in Akhirah (life after death) help Muslims lead good lives?

Date: Summer 2026

Maths–

Number and place value
All four operations – formal calculations.
Measures.
Algebra and problem solving.
Open ended investigations.
Fractions, decimals, percentages.
Ratio.
Geometry.
Statistics.

Science

Physics – Earth and Space

Investigative Science:

We will be planning and conducting our own experiments: designing fair tests, making predictions, observing and measuring, using tables/ graphs to present results, reaching conclusions.

Computing

3D modelling
Online safety
Programming

MFL French: This term we will be learning vocabulary and phrases relating to holidays and planning a holiday to a French destination.

PE

Tuesday – Netball
Thursday – Swimming (Y5) / Cricket (Y6)

Music

We will be learning and performing songs for the summer production.