



Introduction to our topic

During our topic, 'Who is Roaming in the Rainforest?' the children will learn about one of the oldest ecosystems on Earth. They will learn where in the world they are, who lives in them and the importance of them to all of us on Earth.

Our key learning this term

Personal and social development	Respect – We will learn... The importance of respecting others, even when they are very different from us (for example, in character, personality or background).
Technology	Animation During this term the children will learn about the history of animation. They will then get the opportunity to create their own rainforest animation.
Science	Plants This term we will identify the functions of the different parts of a plant, find out what plants need in order to grow well and explore how plants reproduce.
The Arts (Art & Design, Music, Drama)	Art In art this topic we will look at ways to sketch a variety of rainforest animals, such as monkeys, toucans and sloths from observation. We will explore the artwork of Henri Rousseau before creating their own Rousseau-inspired rainforest scene. DT We will learn how to create different moving mechanisms, such as sliders, pop-out objects, windows and rotating wheels before they create an information book about the rainforest with moving parts.
Humanities (RE, History, Geography)	Geography We will explore where rainforests are located in the world, what the different layers of the rainforest are like, indigenous tribes, animals that live in the rainforest and deforestation. RE We will explore the question 'What does it mean to belong to a religion – Judaism?'
P.E.	Swimming We will continue to develop our swimming skills and increase our water confidence. Dance We will focus on developing our independent and group movement skills. The lessons will be led by Mr Meek.
Modern Foreign Language	Spanish – Directions and Places around School We will learn to ask for directions to a given place in town as well as reading and writing a variety of directional phrases. Later in the term, we will learn the names for rooms in school.
English	Fiction focus - The Great Kapok Tree by Lynne Cherry / Just So Stories by Rudyard Kipling We will focus on reading and writing setting and character description as well as developing a well-structured plot. Non-fiction focus - Information reports We will research and write a report about a rainforest animal. We will focus on writing in clearly organised paragraphs which include different sentence types.
Maths	Length, Perimeter and Area Year 4 will spend a few more sessions exploring area and Year 3 will be challenged adding and subtracting lengths. Fractions and Decimals We will start the topic recognising unit and non-unit fractions, making the whole, fractions on a number line and fractions greater than 1. We will then explore equivalent fractions, finding fractions of an amount, comparing and ordering fractions and finally adding and subtracting fractions.

Activity Passport Experiences

This term we will have an opportunity to...

- ✓ Take part in a treasure hunt
- ✓ Choreograph a dance
- ✓ Create an animation