

Rainforests



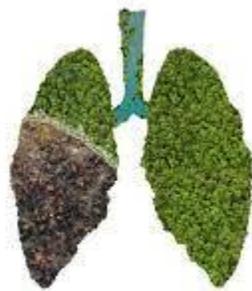
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SPRING B

English

Using rainforest stories, we will explore the issues confronting indigenous peoples and the environment. We will then create our own stories and persuasive writing that deliver an important message. Our non-fiction this term will focus on autobiographies of famous inventors and writing our own. Finally, we will turn our writing skills to poetry. Our challenge will be to read a poem every day from 'The Seed that Grew the Tree'.

Maths

As mathematicians we will be finishing multiplication and division before moving on to length and perimeter. We will learn and revise how to find the area of a shape, as well as solve world problems. Later on this term, we will tackle fractions and decimals, learning how to add, subtract and count in them.



Topic

Our topic this term is 'Rainforests and we will be flying off around the globe to explore these diverse and endangered ecosystems. Once we have learned where to find them on a map, we will study the creatures and plants that call this environment home. The children will learn about the 'Lungs of the Earth' and how the Amazon is under threat today.

Art, Design and Technology

As artists we will study Georgia O'Keeffe's flowers and develop our skills with watercolour. We will take advantage of spring by exploring flower pressing, as well as cyanotype printing with natural materials.

Religious Education

This term we will be learning about Buddhism and the teachings of the Buddha.

Music

As musicians we will explore pulse and metre before learning about pitch.

Computing

This term, our art will extend into the digital world of art! We will learn how to use paint programmes and edit photographs.

Enrichment

This term, we will be on site for much of our enrichment. The children will have STEM, music and ARTS focused days as well as forest school for outside learning.

Guided Reading

Our class book this term is 'The Nothing to See Here Hotel'. A hotel for magical creatures, where the very weird is very normal for Frankie and his parents, who run the hotel!

French

We will be learning how to tell people about us, including our favourite colours and hobbies!

PSHE

This term, our focus will be on the wider world and responsibilities that come with being a global citizen. We will explore sustainability and the harmful effects of global warming.

Science

As scientists we will learn about famous botanists, such as David Douglas and Sir Joseph Banks. Later in the term, we will extend our knowledge of plants and the fertilisation of flowering plants.