



What is a rainforest?

English

This half term the genre focus will be report writing. The children we will writing nonfiction reports on various rainforest animals including tree frogs, toucans and poison dart frogs!

In reading we will continue with weekly guided reading sessions and whole class reading every day – the texts we will look at this half term include: The leopards drum, the great kapok tree and pumpkin soup.

Maths

Over the next half term we will be covering these areas:

- ✓ multiplication
- ✓ division
- ✓ statistics

Homework

Science

In science our focus will be on living things and their habitats. We will look at what a living thing needs to live. We will begin to look at world habitats focusing in detail at the rainforest habitats. We will look at the layers of the rainforest and think about what microhabitats these provide. We will then begin to focus on the animals that live there, looking at their life cycles.

P.E

Children will be working on building these skills in P.E this half term for dance:

- ✓ Copy, remember and repeat actions
- ✓ Create a short motif inspired by their actions
- ✓ Use simple choreographic devices such as unison, canon and mirroring
- ✓ Perform sequences with co-ordination and control
- ✓ Move to the time of music

The children are also working on achieving **active 30 minutes** throughout the day through playtimes, active starters in classes and active maths sessions.

Art

We will be taking inspiration from an artist called Henri Rousseau. We will look at colour mixing, focusing on primary and secondary colours and how to make different tones. We will sketch out animals from the rainforest and look at layering tissue to create a background.

SEAL

The whole school topic for SEAL is called 'Dreams and Goals'. We will think about what a goal means, how we can set goals, achieve them and know what to do if any obstacles come our way. We will begin to think about short term and long term goals including jobs and careers. We will also touch a little on the concept of money and how we can be a good spender and saver.

Music

We will be working through the music express programme where the children will be focusing on the topics 'animals and weather'. The children will be taught to use their voices expressively and creatively by singing songs and speaking chants and rhymes, play tuned and untuned instruments musically, listen with concentration and understanding to a range of high-quality live and recorded music and experiment with, create, select and combine sounds using the inter-related dimensions.

ICT

This half term we will be working on a unit of work called questioning on Purple Mash. This unit is designed to help children learn about the importance of phrasing questions and that certain data handling resources are limited in the answers they can provide.

RE

This half term we will be basing our teaching on the stories from the Jewish bible. We will be able to recognise and talk about the role that God plays in stories from the Jewish bible. We will learn in depth the following stories – Jonah and the whale, Noah and the Arc, Jacob and Sons and Abraham and Sarah

Geography

Our geography topic will take us all the way to the Amazon. We will study the locations and climates of a rainforest as well as the human and physical features in a rainforest. We will look at deforestation and ways we can stop this. The children will also compare life in the rainforest to life here.