



Our spring term topic is:

Rainforest Explorers



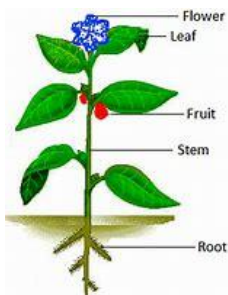
How does the rainforest affect us and what can we do to protect it?

Geography will be our focus this term. Our work will be based largely on rainforests and our overarching question 'How does the rainforest affect us and how can we protect it?'. We will begin the term by studying a book called '**The Explorer**' by Katherine Rundell which is set in the Amazon rainforest. From there, we will have the opportunity to explore in great detail the life around the Amazon and touch on all the topical environmental issues that surround this subject.



Our **English** lessons will link closely to our rainforest geography topic. We will cover a range of writing genres including instructions, narrative and poetry as well as a range of little writes to keep our imaginations and creative thinking flowing.

Maths this term will continue with multiplication and division before moving on to length and perimeter. We will then study fractions followed by mass and capacity. Times tables will continue to be a focus through the term.



In **Science** our topics are: Plants and Animals, including humans, which will link well with our rainforest topic for this term. We will be finding out about conditions for growth in our topic on plants and the need for nutrition in our topic on animals.

Year 3 **Music** will be following the Charanga scheme of work, celebrating reggae and pop music. We will also be learning music for the year 3 and year 4 Easter production.



Art for this term will focus on the study of the artist, Henri Rousseau and his paintings of the rainforest. Look out for some of these on our Twitter pages, where you will see us covering a range of creative techniques all linked to our topic.



In **Design and Technology** this term, the children will find out about the purpose of a greenhouse and how it works, before moving on to exploring how structures like these can be made stable, and what materials would be the most appropriate to use. They will then make their very own min greenhouse!

In **Learning for life** we will be thinking deeply about our values but also focusing on our dreams and goals. We will also be learning about how to stay healthy in the world today.



PE will be on a Monday & Tuesday. We will be enjoying Hockey and Lacrosse, as well as 'a-mile-a-day' and swimming on 23rd – 27th February and 2nd – 6th March (two weeks).

In **Computing** the children will take part in our Safer Internet Day to remind them of everything we have learned so far about keeping safe online. They will also be learning about digital design through the creation of music and podcasting.



In **Religion and Worldviews** the children will explore Christianity further and find out what it is like to follow God. They will also be finding out more about the story of Easter through their Easter production.

In **French** this term we will be learning names for different animals – singular and plural as well as giving our opinions (likes and dislikes). We will continue learning our numbers up to 15, recap previous vocabulary, look at how to say our age and how the French celebrate Easter.



In **Forest School** this term we will be focusing on the concept of a wildlife corridor. We will relate this understanding to the school grounds and identify practical activities to encourage and support biodiversity linking with our plants and animals unit in Science. We will also be having lots of fun, building our interpersonal skills and exploring the changing of the seasons.