



Remarkable Rainforests



Year 3
Spring Term

We are very excited to introduce to you our Year 3 topic about the Remarkable Rainforests! We will be finding out about the locations of the world's rainforests, the different layers of the rainforests and what animals and plants live within these. We are also going to be finding out about some of the issues facing the rainforest and what can be done to make the rainforest more sustainable so that future generations can still benefit. We also will be finding out about the people who use the rainforest as their home. It will be interesting to find out how their lives differ to our own.



As **readers**... we will continue to maintain positive attitudes to reading and gain a better understanding of what we read. We will also continue to read an increasing amount of text daily. We will listen to a variety of stories with environmental issues which we will discuss. We will also focus on retrieving information from what we have read about the plants and animals that are able to thrive in the different rainforest habitats.

As **writers**... we will continue to focus on our grammatical skills and how to vary sentence types and synonyms throughout a piece of work. We will be writing in a variety of genres including a recount, a non-chronological report and a persuasive letter.

As **geographers**... we will use our mapping skills to locate different rainforests around the world. We will identify different climate zones, biomes and vegetation belts and the features of these. We will use atlases and globes to develop our geographical language.

Confident Individuals

Meadowside Representatives

British Citizens

Basic Skills

Throughout the topic, there will be opportunities for children to use their speaking and listening skills to discuss key issues about the rainforests. They will be using their maths skills to read scales and charts to analyse different climates.

Personal Values

The children will be learning about Respect throughout this unit. They will understand the effect that humans have on the environment and why we should look after it. This knowledge will be applied, not only to our local environment, but to the wider world as well.

British Values

We will be looking at the rule of law and morality and how some activities within the rainforest, such as poaching and logging, are hot topics for discussion in different countries.



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Maths No Problem

We will be looking at a variety of measures: length, mass and volume. This will provide us with opportunities to use our arithmetic skills, adding, subtracting, dividing and multiplying to solve problems in context.

We will also be exploring fractions.

PSHE:

We will continue to look at the 'keys for happiness' and how we can interpret and use these in our everyday lives.

We will also be looking at the moral and environmental issues linked to our topic of the Rainforest.

MFL: Spanish

In our Spanish sessions, we will be practising the vowel sounds through a variety of activities. We will learn the numbers 1-10 and how to ask and give our ages. Together we will read rhyming stories, sing songs, practise tongue twisters and have further opportunities to make the sound-written link by listening to words and anticipating their spelling.



Hi/Hello!
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¡Hola!

ICT: 2Type and 2Code

We will still be encouraging children to think of e-safety and how we can stay safe when online.

We will be developing our skills as typists and trying hard to use more than two fingers to type with, starting with learning the home keys and where our fingers should rest.

RE

In Religious Education lessons we will have a lot of discussions about **How we can make a difference in our world today?** We will also be discussing about how we don't have to be religious to make a difference.

Music

We will be using the Charanga program to introduce the children to the language of music through playing the glockenspiel. The learning is focussed around exploring and developing playing skills as well as giving opportunities for improvisation.



Art

We will continue to build on skills taught in Year 2 regarding different mediums and ways to create a particular effect. We will study the work of Henri Rousseau and use it to inspire our own creations.