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Rainforests



Maths – Time, statistics, geometry, calculations

English – Non-chronological reports, riddles, poetry

Science – Living things and their habitats

Geography – Comparing the UK with a South American country

Computing – Programming in games

D&T – Construction

Art – Printing

French – feminine nouns and adjectives, asking questions

Music – Singing, rhythms and violin

RSHE – Relationships

PE – Swimming and Cricket

Year 4

Summer Term 1 2022

Glossary

The key words we will need to be able to use, in both discussion and in our writing:

Word	Definition
Predator	
Prey	
Producer	
River	
Ocean	
Vegetation	
Rainforest	
Mountain	
Farmland	
Shelter	
Vertebrate	
Invertebrate	
Classify	
Characteristic	
Climate	
South America	
Environment	
Emergent layer	
Canopy	
Understory	
Forest floor	

Please help your child to complete the glossary and be able to use and spell the words. Feel free to add any additional topic related vocabulary that you think of.

During this term, your child will be working on the topic of Rainforests!

They will be taking part in a series of exciting activities:

- Exploring and using classification keys to help group, identify and name a variety of living things.
- Investigating plant growth and animal habitats.
- Finding out why rainforests are so important.
- Researching why the rainforests are disappearing and what we can all do to help.
- Building a rainforest shelter.
- Learning about a South American country and comparing it to where we live.

Your child needs your help and involvement!

Please get involved by:

- Ensuring your child completes their weekly homework including maths learn its, spellings and the homework challenge.
- Listening to your child read as often as possible.
- Continuing to practise times tables (this could be done on TTRockstars).
- Take your child to the library & get a book about the topic.
- Help your child to choose a rainforest animal and research it on the internet, by watching television programmes etc.
- Researching global warming and deforestation.

What else is happening?

Values Education and Jigsaw

The whole school values for April and May will be 'Happiness' and 'Friendship'. Our Jigsaw unit for this half term is 'Relationships.'

Homework

Every Friday your child will bring home a class homework sheet. It is expected that ALL children read a **minimum of 4 times per week** and this is recorded in their home reading records.

Clubs

Breakfast Club	Every morning 7.45 – 8.50am
Lower Site After School Club	Every Day 3.15 – 6.15pm
Upper Site After School Club	Every day 3.15 – 6.15pm

Forthcoming Events and Dates

Friday 1st April	End of Spring Term 2 – 2.15pm Finish
Tuesday 19th April	Inset Day – School Closed
Tuesday 19th April	Primary School Allocation Day
Wednesday 20th April	Start of Summer Term 1
Monday 25th April	Year 1 – Space Wonder Dome Experience
Monday 2nd May	Bank Holiday
Monday 9th May to Thursday 12th May	Year 6 SATs Week
Wednesday 18th May to Friday 20th May	Year 4 Wildchild Woods
Friday 27th May	End of Summer Term 1
Monday 6th June	Start of Summer Term 2