



Curriculum Overview for Year 3 and 4 Pupils – Term 2



Theme title: How have rainforests changed over time?

Launch pad event: Rainforest activities

English <i>Please ensure guided reading books are brought to school daily.</i>	During English pupils in Year 4 will be learning how to write a story with a focus on setting description. They will also be learning to write formal letters with a link to the rainforest. Also, they will be writing and performing poems. In Year 3, we will start the term by looking at alternative fairy stories. Children will write their own based on Jack and the Beanstalk. Next, Year 3 will be learning about discussion texts. They will take part in a debate as well as learn to write their own discussion text.	
Maths <i>Maths homework is set every Thursday and should be returned to school every Tuesday.</i>	Year 4 pupils will be identifying 2d and 3d shapes, parallel and perpendicular lines, and interior angles. They will also be learning about decimals and multiplying and dividing numbers by 10,100 and 1000. As well as this Year 4 will be learning about money and continuing to solve problems using the four operations. In Year 3 pupils will be learning to measure using cm, mm and m. Also, they will learn about money and interpret data. They will also learn to begin to tell the time. Both year groups will be working on multiplication and division facts and verbal rapid recall of these.	
Computing	This term's computing will focus on computers and what a network is and why computers are networked. They will learn about how we use devices to make connections locally and globally. They will learn how computers collect data from various input devices.	
Science	Pupils will be learning about Habitats with a particular focus on the inhabitants of the rainforest. They will be using classification keys to group, identify and name living things. Pupils will also be describing how changes to an environment could endanger living things. Finally, pupils will be learning about adaptation and how animals adapt to suit their habitat.	Cross-curricular links Writing non- chronological reports.
Geography	This term, pupils will be locating rainforests around the world, identifying the layers of the rainforest and the wildlife found there. They will identify biomes and vegetation belts around world. In addition, they will be looking at the diverse climate in and surrounding the rainforests.	Cross-curricular links Writing letters to inform people of the effects of deforestation. Information texts.
History	Pupils will learn about the civilization of the Mayans. They will be looking at famous landmarks, inventions that we still use today and the importance of religion. Also, they will look at the impact the Ancient Mayans lifestyle had on the rainforest.	Cross-curricular links Comparing number systems.
Art	In Art this term, pupils will be looking at the work of different artists, including Nick Gustafson. Throughout the term they will look at different pieces of art work, evaluating them and will have a go at creating their own piece of art in the same style. Also, they will be learning how to create effects with paint.	
DT	During DT this term the children will be learning about weaving. They will think about the different materials that might be available in the rainforest and what they might be used for. They will then design and weave a product to help someone living in the rainforest in their day to day life.	
PE	During indoor PE this term pupils will be focussing on dance, they will be learning an exciting routine in stages and they will perform it at the end of the term. For outdoor PE, we will be learning the skills of basketball. We will then progress to incorporating these skills into small games. Tazuni class will be swimming this term on a Monday.	
Music	In Music, children will begin to learn how to play ukulele. Children will learn how to correctly hold and strum. They will develop their understanding of chords and begin to use these to perform simple tunes.	
RE	In RE, we will be learning about what it means to be a Hindu in Britain today. Pupils will find out about key aspects of Hindu beliefs and worship. In addition, we will talk about what it might be like to be part of a faith community.	
P.S.H.E	In PSHE, our focus will be 'A healthy mind and body'. We will be looking at what we can do to help ensure we have a healthy body. They will look at the importance of a healthy and balanced diet, a clean body, good dental hygiene and the importance of staying active. We will also discuss ways to look after our mental health.	

Ways in which you could support next terms curriculum at home:

Books you could read	Places you could visit together	Other activities
* *The Great Kapok Tree *Fact books about the rainforest *The Forever Forest	* Wingham wildlife park *Port Lympne *Rare Breeds Centre	*Research the animals that live in the rainforest *Design your own rainforest *Watch 'The Road to Eldorado'

