

## Rainforests



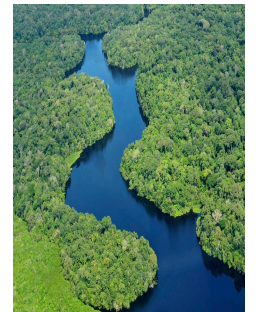
### Middle School Spring Term

The children in Middle school are all excited about our new rainforest theme this term.



In English, we will be using a fabulous book called *The Great Kapok Tree* which is about the home of the Amazonian Yanomami tribe. Firstly, the children will write their own version of this story for younger children in the school to read. They will then create a pop up book to write their story in. Later in the term, we will learn and write some rainforest poems and develop our letter writing skills. We will take advantage of using *The Hills* to help create our *Great Kapok Tree* story. We are reading *The Explorer* as our class book.

After our history based theme last term, we will now be concentrating on Geography. We will learn about animals and plants that live in the rainforests and the habitats within it. How rivers are formed and what a rainforest is and where they can be found in the world. We will explore the types of plants and the layers of vegetation. The children will have the opportunity to find out about the people and settlements of the rainforest too. Our science topics of Habitats and classification of plants and animals, link closely to this term's theme too and it will all come together when we visit Colchester Zoo later in the term.



Through Art, the children will practise control and mastery whilst drawing rainforest animals. They will also explore and replicate the art of Henri Rousseau. During Computing, they will be able to use the internet to find out facts about the rainforest. Later in the term, they will plan their own rainforest quiz.



In music, we will use body composition to recreate the sounds of the rainforest, including a rainstorm. In DT, we are going to learn how to sew! Inspiration will come from the amazing colours and patterns of the poison dart frogs that are found in Central and South America.

RE will include thinking about beliefs and discussing whether they are fact or fiction. During our PSHE lessons, our focus will be on our emotions and how we use the Zones of Regulation. Our French vocabulary will be all about ourselves and animals. In P.E. we will explore attack and defence in netball and football and core strength and balance in gymnastics and Real P.E.

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Weekly Homework Reminder

Homework will be set every Tuesday. Please talk to your child about their task for the week so that they can ask for help if they are unsure what they need to do. Let us know if you are unable to access any online learning that is set via My Maths, as paper copies can be given instead. Children are expected to hand their books back to the teachers on a **Monday** morning. Rewards for their teams can be earned if they complete their homework as well as reading more than **4 times a week** - **so please don't forget to sign the reading record.**

Parent Pupil Project



Research and create a new rainforest creature.



Be creative and combine the features of two or more animals! They can be made out of any material and can be in any form - model, collage, painting or soft toy.

Please make sure it is **no bigger than 30cm**. We would like these completed by the **end of the Half term holiday** so we can display them in the classroom. We look forward to seeing your creations!

