



Year: 4

Term: Autumn 1



Amazing Amazon

Theme Overview

This topic is based on the human impact on the Amazon rainforest and the features of the forest itself. We will research the animals and flora of the forest as well as the inhabitants, both indigenous and otherwise. We will be asking the children to think about how we can live alongside nature in a way that is healthy for our planet.

ART & DT

Recreate Dina Farris Appel's watercolour jaguar, Amazon rainforest art.

Use new techniques when drawing in pastel.

Arts Week activities.

MATHS

Week of Inspirational Maths

Place Value

- Represent, partition, order and compare numbers up to 10,000
- Draw numbers up to 10,000 on a number line
- Round to the nearest 10, 100 and 1,000
- Roman Numerals

MUSIC

Music Express: Around the world

Musical pitch – focus on pitch

RE

Judaism and Buddhism

Is it possible for everyone to be happy?

PE

Swimming (Elm)

Tag Rugby – develop passing and defending in game situations and combine passing and moving to create an attack and score.

ENGLISH - CLPE

The Bluest of Blues by Fiona Robinson

To explore, interpret and respond to illustrations in a book.
To draw inferences about characters' feelings, thoughts and motives from their actions.

Writing outcomes

- Writing in role
- Letter writing
- Poetry
- Auto-biography
- Diary writing



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Why is the Amazon so vital to the world?

Hook into Learning:

Letter from Planet Protectors – rainforest mission

Topic Finale:

Amazon Extravaganza to parents

FRENCH

Unit 7: Les transports

(Transport and Travel)

GEOGRAPHY

Use atlases and Google Earth to find the world's most famous rainforests.

Learn about the different types of rainforests, particularly the Amazon, and what each of the layers of the rainforest are as well as the types of animals/plants that live there.

Explore the relationship between humans, animals and plants in the Amazon rainforest. How has the rainforest changed over time? Look at land use of the Amazon over time.

Explore endangered species related to the Amazon. What is the human impact on the Amazon? How can we help?

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PSHE

SCARF - relationships

COMPUTING

Design and test code
Understand IF and ELSE statements
Use coordinates for programming

SCIENCE

Living things and their habitats

Recognise that living things can be grouped in a variety of ways

Explore and use classification keys to help group, identify and name a variety of living things in their local and wider environment

Recognise that environments can change and that this can sometimes pose dangers to living things