



Year: 4

Term: Spring 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.

Create self-portraits using oil pastels in the style of 'Me and My Parrots' Frida Kahlo.

Use new techniques when drawing in pastel.

MATHS

Fractions

Partition, compare and order mixed numbers

Convert mixed numbers to improper fractions and vice versa

Equivalent fractions

Add and subtract fractions

MUSIC

Around the World

Explore pentatonic melodies.

RE

Easter - "Is forgiveness always possible for Christians?"

PE

Swimming (Beech)

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

ENGLISH - CLPE

How the Stars Came to Be by Poonam Mistry

Establish and develop an insight into the culture and history of origin stories.

Explore character viewpoint and motivation through role-play and through writing in role.

Develop reader response by exploring interpretations of themes, plots and characters' actions and motivations through discussion and debate.



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Why is the Amazon so vital to the world?

Hook into Learning:

Letter from Planet Protectors – rainforest mission

Topic Finale:

Newsround report to answer the question 'Why is the Amazon so vital to the world?' using Green Screen app.

FRENCH

The Café – 'I would like...'

1-40 in the context of money.

GEOGRAPHY

Use atlases, Google Earth and The Scale of the Universe 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

SRE - Growing and changing

COMPUTING

Create an animation by hand and on computer

Create an animation that includes backgrounds sounds and 'stop motion'

SCIENCE

Sound

Identify how sounds are made.

Recognise that vibrations from sounds travel through a medium to the ear.