



Year: 4

Term: Autumn First Half



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

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



COMPUTING

Online safety

PSHE

Rights and responsibilities

Read 'The Worries' by Jion Sheibani

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.

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? Why is the Amazon so vital to the world?

MATHS

Consolidating place value

Using reasoning skills

Adding and subtracting using informal and formal methods with exchanging

SCIENCE

Animals and their habitats – classifying and comparing

PE

Games: Invasion - Tag rugby

Gymnastics: Bridges - explore movements and balances

MUSIC

Create the sounds of the rainforest.

RE

Marking festivals, pilgrimages and key life events.

Sikhism/ Hinduism

ENGLISH

Narrative writing – dilemma story

Persuasive letter