



Under the Canopy

Year 5

Summer 2025



Rationale for Learning

This term we shall be focusing our learning on the rainforests of the world, in particular, the Amazon rainforest and the importance of the river that flows through it, from source to sea. We shall be developing our geography skills throughout the term: locating tropical rainforests around the globe; identifying the features of a rainforest; researching the wildlife; learning about the people; the climate and the issue of deforestation.

Suggested activities for families to help support learning:

Regular times table practice, in and out of sequence and the accompanying division facts on TTRS.

Regular reading of a variety of genres and texts, for pleasure. Don't forget that AR quizzing can also be done at home.

The rainforests are a super topic for children to research further at home. We love hearing new facts that the children have discovered in their own time.

Homework will continue to be set weekly via SeeSaw and we encourage the children to complete this in preparation for the learning behaviours of Year 6.

Key Vocabulary: rainforest, understory, canopy, emergent layer, Equator, Tropic of Capricorn, Tropic of Cancer, Amazon, Kapok tree, epiphyte, tapir, deforestation, sustainable, endangered.

Trips and visits:

To support our learning, and to give the children a hands on rainforest experience, we will have a visit from the **RepTylers** on Wednesday 7th May 9-12am.





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Study Unit Overview

Mathematics

Shape
Position and direction
Decimals
Negative numbers
Converting Units
Volume

Geography

Features of rainforests
Locations – map work
Rivers
Climate
Comparisons between UK and South America

Science

The life cycle of a plant and animals including reproduction
Pollination
Photosynthesis
Water cycle



Art

Studying the work of Henri Rousseau and recreating pieces in his style

Typography and Maps – exploring how we can create typography through drawing and design. Using our skills to make personal and highly visual maps.



English

Non-Fiction – research and presentation
Poetry – imagery/senses
Creative Writing
Debating

French

Les Jeux Olympiques
Les Habitats

E4S

Resolving Conflict
Transitions

Computing

Cyber and social media safety
Research skills and presentation skills
Cryptography
Architecture using Tinkercad

PE

Handball
Sports Day Skills / Athletics
Striking and Fielding
Cricket / Rounders

Music

Recorders – play and perform in solo and ensemble context
Understand and write musical notation
Sounds of the rainforest - responses and compositions

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Building bridges using a range of materials and tools