

# Year 4 INSPIRE curriculum newsletter – Summer 1

In our Geography lessons, Year 4 will be learning about the Rainforest. As part of this, the children will explore the different layers of the rainforest, the inhabitants of the rainforest and the threats that it faces.



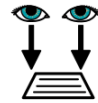
Geography

Our crucial curriculum content for this topic is:

- To know that tropical rainforests are located between the tropics of Cancer and Capricorn.
- To know key characteristics of a tropical rainforest, including some human and physical features.
- To know the location of the Amazon rainforest, plus facts about animals and their habitats within the rainforest.
- To know some of the main causes of deforestation and the impact deforestation is having on the rainforest and the wider world.



Rainforest



Reading



Writing

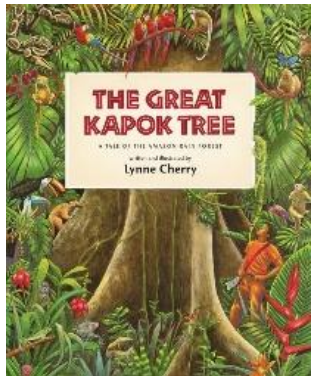
Our key text for this topic is “The Great Kapok Tree”. We will also be exploring a variety of texts about the Rainforest.

In writing lessons, we will be exploring figurative language as well as continuing to develop our use expanded noun phrases and conjunctions. We will be exploring a variety of different texts and developing our creative writing in this term. We will be writing a setting description and a playscript.



Art

In Art, we will be creating textiles using Batik.



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Science

In Science we are learning all about living things and their habitats. We will understand how classification can be used to group living things and what a food chain is and how it functions.



music

In Music lessons, we will be learning how to play the clarinet.



PE

In PE we will be learning Cricket with Soccer Stars and going swimming.



PSHE

In PSHE we are focusing on how we will grow and change as we grow older.



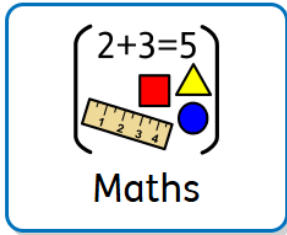
RE

In RE we will explore and answer the question 'Do people need to go to church to show they are Christians?'



Computing

In Computing we will be coding using the Logo program.



In maths we will be continuing our focus on decimals, continuing to develop our understanding of how decimals are related to fractions and revisiting our rounding skills.

Following this, we will begin our Money unit, learning how to compare and order money and how to apply our established skills to money problems.

Alongside these skills we will be regularly practising our times tables in preparation for the multiplication check.

We will continue to practice our times tables ready for our Year 4 multiplication check at the end of the year. Children can practise their times tables at home using TT-Rockstars.

This term, we will fulfil the Harmony Pledge 'Be safe, happy and healthy', 'Be respectful' by engaging in PSHE and Topic lessons. We will also be attending a live lesson about the Rainforest which will be hosted by the Eden Project.

1. Be safe, happy and healthy
2. Be a fundraiser
3. Be a performer
4. Be an eco-warrior
5. Be respectful
6. Be a volunteer
7. Be democratic
8. Be an adventurer
9. Be an expert learner
10. Be workwise

