

Let's explore the Rainforest!

Year 2
Autumn 2024

Our Topic this half term is about 'Saving the Rainforest'. We will become global detectives and scientists as we learn about the issues surrounding the rainforests all around the world. We will learn about plants, animals and their habitats.

Literacy

Fiction

- Retell 'There's a Rang-Tan in my Bedroom' from the point of view of the Orangutan.
- Understand and use conjunctions in our writing.
- Understand and use expanded noun phrases in our writing.
- Understand and use a comma when making lists.

Non Fiction

- Create a fact file about a rainforest animal

Science

- Describe what an animal needs to survive.
- Understanding and describing habitats
- Explaining the difference between alive, dead and alive.

Geography

- Understanding hot areas of the world
- Understanding where rainforests are and what they are
- Talking about human and physical features
- Understanding how humans are affecting the planet.

Art

To use lines and marks to create a range of shapes, tones, textures, patterns and effects.

The artist of the term will be Henri Rousseau

- Pastels, paints and pencils to draw rainforest leaves.
- Techniques such as blending and smudging, patterns and textures.
- Collage techniques such as over lapping.

Maths

The children will be continuing their learning of numbers and the number system from Year 1.

- Representing numbers
- Ordering and comparing numbers
- Identifying 10 more/ less
- Missing numbers

RE

Theme: Judaism
Looking at the Exodus Story

PDL

Understanding me and my world.

Music

Pitch (higher and lower sounds).
Beat (to know the difference between rhythm and beat).

PE

Gymnastics - Monday
Football - Thursday
If weather appropriate, this will be outside.

Merton Mission - Please **choose** from below. It can be done at any time during the half term. This should be a fun and enjoyable time with your child to embed their learning skills. A new mission will be given out for each new topic.

Read it: Research about animals from the Rainforest

Make it: Junk modelling using recyclable plastic

Do it: Go for a walk through the trees and see how they are different to the trees in the rainforest.

Mrs Jones
Eagle Owls

Mrs Relf
Wise Owls