

# Rainforests

Year Three  
Summer Term 2022



## Key Areas of Learning

As geographers, we will discover what life is like for the many animals and plants living in some of the rainforests located around the world. We will use charts and graphs to investigate the weather and climate patterns of different rainforests. We will learn about how plants have adapted to survive in a rainforest. We will also research how mankind has damaged these delicate ecosystems whilst learning about the issue of deforestation.

As historians, we will learn more about the monarchy and its impact on the lives of people living in Britain and we will discuss how the monarchy has changed over the years.

As scientists, we will recognise the factors that plants need to sustain life, grow and produce its own food. We will identify and describe the structures of different flowering plants. We will investigate the ways water is transported within plants and we will conduct experiments to find out which factors affect a plants water transportation system. During Summer Two, we will learn about the structures of different animals including humans and compare their habitats investigating the factors that enable them to survive.

### English

As readers, we will read **The Great Kapok Tree** by **Lynne Cherry** discussing the authors use of punctuation and language. We will also read and perform some of the poems from **A Midsummer Night's Dream** and **Macbeth** by **William Shakespeare** to an audience.

As writers, we will be inspired by our class story: **The Great Kapok Tree** by **Lynne Cherry** to write a diary entry, a balanced argument and a letter thinking about our use of persuasive language. We will rewrite the story: **The Papaya that Spoke** as an alternative character and we will create our own non-fiction booklets based on a chosen rainforest animal.

### Maths

As mathematicians, we will deepen our understanding of fractions to be able to recognise and solve problems involving tenths. We will count, compare, and order fractions on a number line. We will add, subtract and find equivalent fractions. We will also learn to tell the time to the minute on an analogue clock face and use a digital clock to calculate and compare different durations of time. We will learn the properties of different 2D and 3D shapes. We will learn to accurately measure, add, subtract and compare different masses, volumes, and capacities.

### Computing

In computing, we will become project designers and will use an iPad and Windows 10 Video Editor to create and present our own films. We will also be data analysts and will use Excel to analyse data.

### PSHE

We are learning what it means to be a global citizen and developing our understanding that our choices affect others. Our Summer Two jigsaw puzzle is called *Changing Me* and we will be thinking about some of our physical and emotional changes that are taking place.

### PE

In Physical Education, we will be applying our ball skills and developing our passing and striking techniques to play a game of rounders and cricket. Throughout the term, we will be developing our team working skills. We will also improve our agility and muscle strength during our athletics sessions.

### Art and DT

As creators, we will design, create our own recipes and make a balanced and healthy sandwich of our choice. As artists, we will have the opportunity to explore nature and create our own sketches of different plants.

### RE

During our RE lessons, we are learning about how God is represented in different religions. We will be introduced to the holy book of Christianity, Hinduism, and Islam.

### Music

As musicians, we will continue to read musical notation and play a recorder during our weekly wider opportunity session supported by our visiting music specialist teacher.

### Experiences

Hounslow Gurudwara Trip

### Whole School Events / Themes

- Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> April - Open House Event
- Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> May- Visiting Theatre Visit
- Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> May- Queen Platinum Jubilee Celebrations
- Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May- Author Visit Workshops
- Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June- Friday 10<sup>th</sup> June Book Week
- Monday 4<sup>th</sup> July- Sports Day



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