

Year 3
Spring Term

This term our Learning Journey is

Rainforest Rescue



Where possible, our learning in each subject will have links to our learning journey.

Geography

We will be learning what a biome is and explore the location and features of rainforests, focusing on the Amazon and comparing it to Redbridge. We will also learn how rainforests are changing, how people affect them, and why they are important to the world.



Computing

We will be learning about data, designing questionnaires and using Microsoft Excel to enter, sort, and present information. We will also be programming by using microbits to create simple flashing and animated designs.

English

Texts we are focusing on:

Jungle Song by Miriam Moss
The Rainforest Grew all Around by Susan K Mitchell

The Shaman's Apprentice by Lynne Cherry and Mark J. Plotkin

The Great Kapok Tree by Lynne Cherry

The Vanishing Rainforest by Richard Platt

Black Dog by Levi Pinfold

Maths

Topics we'll be covering:

Multiplication and Division
Length and Perimeter
Fractions
Mass and Capacity

Science

We will identify flowering and non-flowering plants, learn about plant parts, water movement, pollination, and seed formation, and explore rainforest food chains and the impact of deforestation.

Music

In music, we will be continuing to learn how to play the recorder. We will also be naming and playing samba instruments, copy simple rhythm patterns, and listen to and appreciate samba music from Brazil.

Art

We will explore rainforest-inspired artwork using different painting techniques. We will study Georgia O'Keeffe and Marianne North and use oil pastels and chalk to create a still life artwork.

DT

We are designing and making our own palm-oil-free product, including its packaging.

MFL - French

We will learn how to use different greetings in French and how to say numbers.

RSHCE

Discussions will include: indigenous people, colonisation, and its impacts, as well as sustainability and how to seek help from trusted adults.

PE

In outdoor games, we will be focusing on striking and fielding games.

In dance, we will be creating a dance inspired by the rainforest.

In Gymnastics, we will explore symmetry and asymmetry.

RE – in last 2 weeks of the term

Why is Jesus important to Christians?
Why do religious people celebrate?

Learning Beyond the Classroom

Reading

Click the link for booklist from Books for Topics
[Link](#)
Non-fiction books about the rainforest

Watching

[Watch David Attenborough in action in the rainforest via the BBC website](#)

[Virtual trip to the Amazon Rainforest](#)

Listening

BBC Earth podcast
The Jungle Keeper podcast
[WWF – UK 'Listen to the Amazon Rainforest' soundscape](#)

Talking

Ask: What is a rainforest and where are the main rainforests of the world?
Why are rainforests at risk and what is the effect of deforestation on living things?