

Dear Year 5, Parents & Carers,

Here is our enquiry question for this half term. Please use these ideas to help your research or bring things into class to support your learning.

Have Fun!

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GREENFIELDS
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Upper Key Stage 2 ~ Spring I
CURRICULUM OVERVIEW

Why should the Rainforest be important to us all?



As READERS we will:

- Read non-fiction texts to find information about Rainforests
- Study poems relating to rainforest life
- Develop a glossary of terms (e.g. canopy. Camouflage, amphibian)

As AUTHORS we will:

- Write explanations about aspects of the rainforest
- Prepare news reports about the state of rainforests today
- Create creature fact files
- Write persuasive texts to encourage the saving of rainforests and endangered creatures

As SPEAKERS we will:

- Debate the issue of clearing or preserving rainforests
- Perform poetry relating to the rain forest
- Produce a rainforest documentary

As CITIZENS we will:

- Consider the ethics of logging from different points of view e.g. local tribes
- Appreciate how rainforests provide most of the world's oxygen and some valuable resources and medicines.

As HISTORIANS we will find out about:

- The Indian tribe Yanonami - ascendants of current rainforest tribes.

As SCIENTISTS we will:

- Study the range of different habitats within the rainforest
- Look at how animals are adapted to their environment

As ARTISTS we will:

- Create the rain forest layers using textures
- Demonstrate creature camouflage through subtle use of shades of colour

As MATHEMATICIANS we will:

- Create graphs to compare weather data, such as average rainfall
- Use percentages when talking about land use and creature populations
- Use ratios to understand the relative height of the different layers

As GEOGRAPHERS we will:

- Use an atlas to locate:
 - the equator
 - rainforests on and around the equator
 - countries in north and south America
- Investigate the climate of rainforest regions
- Look at why rainforest regions are important to the world

As DESIGNERS we will:

- Design and create a model of the rain forest showing its layers