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Curriculum Overview Year 5 Summer 2 – Rainforest and the Amazon Main Enquiry questions

In this unit children will learn all about the Amazon Rainforest: the different layers, and its biodiversity, the river, it's geography and climate - as well as the impact of deforestation.

Significant People

Tribes and Indigenous peoples

Awá Brazil.
Ayoreo Paraguay.
Guarani Brazil.
Kawahiva Brazil.
The Uncontacted Frontier
Yanomami Brazil.



- Where are the world's rainforests?
- What makes up a rainforest?
- What are the main features of a rainforest?
- Why are the rainforests being cut down?
- Why does the Amazon Rainforest matter so much?

Key Concepts

Place, Environment, location, scale, change, distribution, processes, interaction,
Interdependence & sustainability.

English Texts

This term in English we will be studying the following texts:

Kaspar Prince of Cats by Michael Morpurgo

Our Planet ' The one place we call home' by Matt Whyman & Richard Jones
Hidden Figures by Margot Lee Shetterly

Maths Learning

Decimals, negative numbers, converting units & measurement.

Here are the home learning links: Just click on the relevant area to access the videos:
<https://whiterosemaths.com/resources?year=year-5->

Geographical Links	Science	DT	PE	Music	RE	Computing	French	PSHE
Deforestation - How can I help make a difference?	Living things and their habitats Describe the differences in life cycles of a mammal, an amphibian, an insect and a bird. Describe the life process of reproduction in some plants and animals. Independently use secondary sources to research the work of naturalists and animal behaviourists.	Food—What could be healthier?	Athletics	Reflect, Rewind and Replay	<i>What can be done to reduce racism? Can religion help?</i>	Programming B - Selection in quizzes. They use their knowledge of writing programs and using selection to control outcomes to design a quiz in response to a given task and implement it as a program.	Chez moi (My Home)	Citizenship & Economic wellbeing: Breaking the law Rights & responsibilities Protecting the planet Contributing to the community Pressure groups Parliament

Our curriculum elements for this half term:



Trips, activities and/or visits this term:

Wednesday 4th June: Climate workshop and animal agriculture delivered by Cornwall Climate Care Education









Mon 30th June – Friday 4th July—5th July: Bikeability

Tuesday 15th July - Visit the Eden Project. 'Rainforest uncovered'.

Summer walk to Farthings

Balsam bashing

Ongoing sporting events at Sidmouth College

Learning hook		Explore the Rainforest.
Fieldwork		Linked to geography— rainforest transient art
Written outcome		Information text about a nature environment. Write a newspaper report.
Creative outcome		We will be cooking something fun in DT.
Adventure (activities in Adventure Island)		Children will be using some tool work (using a knife), create rainforest transient art, enjoy campfire cooking and hopefully balsam bashing.
Play Project		With reception
Celebration		We will share our knowledge and experiences with other classes.
Retrieval practice		Children will look back at last terms topic.



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RESPECT - ADVENTURE - ACHIEVE

Curriculum Overview: Year 5, Summer 2 Rainforest and The Amazon Deforestation - How can I help make a difference?

Suggested texts to read at home with your children

Key Text

Journey to the river sea

By Eva Ibbotson



A joyous Amazon adventure set in the lush nature of Brazil. Journey to the River Sea is filled with mystery and extraordinary characters.

Maia, an orphan, can't wait to reach her distant relatives a thousand miles up the Amazon. She imagines a loving family with whom she will share great adventures. Instead she finds two spiteful cousins who see the jungle as the enemy and refuse to go outdoors. But the wonders of the rainforest more than make up for the hideous twins and their parents.

Key Text

The Explorer

By Katherine Rundell



From his seat in the tiny aeroplane, Fred watches as the mysteries of the Amazon jungle pass by below him. He has always dreamed of becoming an explorer, of making history and of reading his name amongst the lists of great discoveries. If only he could land and look about him.

As the plane crashes into the canopy, Fred is suddenly left without a choice. He and the three other children may be alive, but the jungle is a vast, untamed place. With no hope of rescue, the chance of getting home feels impossibly small.

Except, it seems, someone has been there before them

Week 1 Homophones	Week 2 Dictionary work	Week 3 Suffix ly	Week 4 Suffix - ation	Week 5 Homophones	Week 6 5/6 words
cereal serial farther father guessed guest morning mourning who's whose	production programme proposition prosecute prospective referee reflection reflex relevant revolution	angrily basically comically completely dramatically finally gently happily sadly usually	admiration adoration dedication elevation fixation inflammation information preparation restoration sensation	are our flour flower right write sail sale their there wood would	physical prejudice privilege profession programme pronunciation recognise recommend relevant restaurant