

Year 4	Time Allocation: ½ term	Date: Spring 1	Staff: Miss Groves, Mr Dickinson and Miss Booth
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English
 We will be reading stories linked to the Rainforest as a class. The Great Kapok Tree will be our class text.
 We will be using what we read to write our own descriptions of the rainforest that will be rich in high level vocabulary and descriptive words. Alongside this, we will be learning about the rules of speech so we will try to include this when retelling part of the story.
 In addition to this we will write fact files about the desert.

Maths:
 We will begin looking at measurement, specifically length and perimeter of shapes, and the area of simple 2D shapes.
 The children's knowledge of times tables will be fundamental in these areas of learning. Children are encouraged to practice their times tables regularly on Times Table Rock Stars. Times tables will continue to be taught and covered during lessons as well.

Science
 We will be learning all about 'Animals, including humans' which will allow children to construct and interpret a variety of food chains, identifying producers, predators and prey.
 We will then move onto a 'Living Things and Their Habitats' module where we will develop skills to recognise that living things can be grouped in a variety of ways, recognise that environments can change and that this can sometimes pose dangers to living things.

Jungles and Deserts



Why?

In this unit we will be taking a closer look at the mysteries of the tropical rainforests. From the layers of the forest and its animal inhabitants, to the unique climate found in the tropics. We will also be comparing the rainforest habitat to deserts by looking at how they are the same and how they are different.

SMSC

SP2 - Fascination about the world around us

History
 As Historians, we will be discussing how rainforests have changed over time i.e. deforestation and how they were discovered.

Geography
 We will be learning about the habitat of rainforests and deserts. We will be finding out which animals/plants thrive there, where they are, what the climates around the world are like and why the climate is that way.

Art and Design:
 We will be inspired by the artist Helen Cowcher as well as looking at the artist Henri Rousseau. We will use different mediums to create our own forest inspired artwork.

Design & Technology
 Children will design and make an Egyptian mask.

SCARF
 Children will be part of discussions around 'Keeping Myself Safe'. These lessons will involve sharing scenarios and discussing how we would respond to them.

R.E
 Year 4 will be learning about the Holy week in Easter and how and why this week is celebrated.

Computing
 We will look at programming software using Turtle Logo.

Music
 We will be listening to Edvard Grieg and Hans Zimmer and discussing the rhythm used.

P.E
 We will have two PE lessons, one learning dance and one learning hockey skills. We are hoping to develop leaderships and communication skills during these lessons.