



Upper school - Autumn Term The Rainforest



This half term our priority is to settle back into school life. We are all looking forward to working with the children to settle them into their new classes in September. Children will familiarise themselves with their new teachers and with each other so that they are ready to immerse themselves into our topic of 'The Rainforest!'

As part of our topic, we will research and investigate South America and specifically the Rainforest. Children will delve into the human and natural features in Brazil; the climate and landscapes; buildings and schools and make many comparisons to the United Kingdom.

The children will get the chance to create vibrant collages and artwork based on the colours and imagery seen within the Rainforest while learning about the life cycles and biology of some of the rarest animals within.

Useful Websites!

These websites are a great way to support your child learn about our topic!

[https://www.coolearth.org/2020/03/rainforest-activities-for-](https://www.coolearth.org/2020/03/rainforest-activities-for-kids/?gclid=EAIaIQobChMIhLPu4fe46wIVibbtChIABguVEAAYASAAEgK3j_D_BwE)

[kids/?gclid=EAIaIQobChMIhLPu4fe46wIVibbtChIABguVEAAYASAAEgK3j_D_BwE](https://www.coolearth.org/2020/03/rainforest-activities-for-kids/?gclid=EAIaIQobChMIhLPu4fe46wIVibbtChIABguVEAAYASAAEgK3j_D_BwE)

<https://www.kids-world-travel-guide.com/brazil-facts.html>

Supporting your Child's Maths Learning

Written Methods

During this term we will be looking into:

Counting in multiples

Identifying and solving problems based on the place value of numbers

Read, writing, ordering and comparing numbers up to 1,000,000

Rounding numbers to the nearest 10,100,1000

Solving number and practical problems in all of the above *Please use the Calculation Policy on our website to support your child.

Timestables

*By the end of Year 4, children should be fluent with all timetables up to 12 x 12

*By the end of Year 5, children must be fluent with all the timetables up to 15 X 15

By the end of Year 6, children must be fluent with all timetables and speed tests

*This term's focus is application of timetables in word problems

*Please practice timetables with your child at home ready for weekly assessments .

Supporting your Child's English Learning

Writing

During this term, we will be writing the following types of texts;

*Recounts

*Non-Chronological Reports

*Persuasive texts

*Narratives

*Free-Verse Poetry

To support your child with their writing, please ensure they know the features of each of the above text types. They could also find out the difference between a text type and a genre.

Reading

*To support your child with their reading, please ensure that you are reading together at least 5 times a week and using Bug Club at home.

*Please be aware book changing days will be **Monday and Thursday**. Following the guidance, books will need to be quarantined for 72 hours when they are returned to school and therefore please be aware we will not change books on any other days to allow for this period. Feel free to read books from home, on bug club or the newspaper if you finish books provided from school. This will still class as reading for your entry into the reading raffle.*

Spellings

*Please support your children to practice and learn their weekly spellings ready for assessments.