

KS2 curriculum overview

Year 5 Curriculum Overview – Summer term (1)

Our topic this term is: Amazon Adventure

English

As our topic in Summer 1 is Amazon Adventure, we will be reading 'The Great Kapok Tree' by Lynne Cherry. The book has a strong environmental message and helps children understand the importance of rainforests around the world through engagement with the rainforest creatures. We will teach writing through the Talk for Writing approach, developed by Pie Corbett. The children will be listening to and reading the story, explore new vocabulary and also devise a story map. They will learn all the writer's skills and create 'toolkits' in order to write their own story set in the Amazon rainforest. Furthermore, the children will be writing a persuasive speech.

Maths

Following on from our Fractions topic, we will be delving deeper into decimals and recapping how to multiply and divide by 10, 100 and 1000. We will use this to explore relationships between fractions and decimals and thereafter, using this knowledge to convert fractions and decimals into percentages. We will then continue to apply our knowledge to word problems after understanding how to find percentages of an amount.

Science

Summer 1 Science will focus on animals and their life cycles. We will investigate how the animals in the Amazon have adapted and changed to suit their habitat and make comparisons between species. We will look at food chains and how these chains decide on who is at the top of the chain and why. We will compare the life process of a reptile, mammals and insects and classify animals into these categories.

Topic

Our Theme topic is Amazon Adventure. We will be learning about the Amazon rainforest and its inhabitants. We will be going on a geographical journey through the forest and discovering all of the physical features that make it such an interesting place. We will be learning about how the climate and biome allows for vegetation to grow and we will be taking a virtual tour of the Amazon river.

Relationship and Health Education

This term we will be looking at Keeping Safe. We will learn how our body reacts when we feel unsafe. We will be learning about how to respond in unsafe situations and what to do if an adult makes us feel unsafe.

We will continue to send home knowledge organisers and homework grids to support children's learning – please do encourage your children to make best use of these to help them with their learning.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Miss Collins and Mr Sidat