

### English:

In Lower Key Stage 2 we will begin the term by reading a book called The Great Kapok Tree

We will be focusing on instructional writing using the rainforest as our stimulus. We will also explore poetry, reading and writing poems that include animals that live in the rainforest.

### Rights Respecting School

Article 29 Your education should help you use and develop your talents & abilities. It should also help you to learn to live peacefully, protect the environment & respect other people.

### Art/DT:

Year 3 & 4 will create a large class collage of the 4 layers of the rainforest. Study Henri Rousseau's rainforest paintings. Create own painting in Rousseau's style. Making dye from natural ingredients to dye cloth. Create Mola art on dyed cloth. Create tribal headdress and paint face.

### Physical Education:

Children will explore, improvise and combine movement in dance this half term. We will use rainforest animals as a focus to think about how they move and differences between them.

### Music:

In Year 3 we will focus on different musical styles such as R&B, Michael Jackson, Musicals and Motown, exploring the historical context of musical styles. Year 4 will focus on Mama Mia! This will involve listening and appraising, as well as performance.

### Maths:

Year 3 will focus on multiplication and division this half term as well as consolidating the methods they have learnt for formal addition and subtraction.

Year 4 will focus on developing their multiplication skills and learning how to multiply 2 and 3 digit numbers by a single digit. Known multiplication and division facts will be revisited on a daily basis to assist consolidation of these facts. We will look at length and perimeter and have first-hand experience of measuring and recording various items.

### Science:

Year 3- Children will investigate the function of roots, stems, leaves and flowers and will have research methods of seed dispersal. In addition, children will learn about the process of pollination. They will also investigate the way in which water is transported within plants.

Year 4- The children will look at different ways of grouping living things and will build up their knowledge of making and using classification keys. They will compare the living things in the northern and southern most parts of the British Isles and compare them to their own location.

### Year 3 & 4



How can rainforests be both hot & wet?

### Computing:

Year 3 & 4- The children will learn about online safety and how the Internet can be used to help us to communicate effectively before both classes moving on to spreadsheets with Year 3-creating pie charts and spreadsheets as well as using advanced modes and co-ordinates.

Year 4 will create line graphs and learn how to use spreadsheets for budgeting, as well as exploring place value with a spreadsheet.

### Impact Activity:

Walker Art Gallery-  
Animal Encounters with  
Chester Zoo

### MFL:

Children will learn  
about school life in  
France.

### History:

Children will learn about the lives of indigenous tribes in the Amazon – homes, food, daily life, medicine, headdresses and face painting.

### Geography:

The children will explore and learn about where in the world the rainforests are and be able to find them on a world map. We will compare and contrast our local environment to a study of a specific area of rainforest.

### The Way the Truth the Life:

Year 3- Mary, Our Mother. Children will reflect on the role of Mary. The children will develop their understanding of Advent as a time of preparation for the birth of Jesus and are encouraged to reflect on the true meaning of Christmas.

Year 4- Trust in God, during this topic we will look at people who had to make difficult decisions to show their trust in God and explore ways we show in our daily lives that we too trust in him.