

Literacy

Using this inspiring text, *The Great Kapok Tree*, we will explore various learning objectives, including choosing the writing best suited to the task and using a range of texts, to develop our writing further. We will continue to build upon our figurative language and oracy skills to build on our ideas.

Through our other beautifully illustrated text, *Up in the Canopy*, we hope to immerse ourselves into what it is like to exist in the Amazon Rainforest.



RaWV

This term we will be focus on Buddhism: What is the 'Buddhist way of life'? We will learn about the story of how Prince Siddhartha Gautama became Buddha; that 'Buddha' means 'awakened' or 'enlightened one' and how Buddhists use meditation to gain enlightenment.



Art

During our Art sessions, we will be completing an Artist study based upon Swiss-Argentinian painter Vivian Suter and recreating our own pieces inspired by her methods. We will be learning to mix colours to express mood demonstrate tones. We will also be using printing and collages to improve our mastery of Art.



Geography

As our Power of Reading text is set in the Amazon Rainforest, we will be comparing the physical and human features of The New Forest and other places within the United Kingdom to the rainforest and other places in South America. We will be exploring different weather patterns and how this can influence climate zones. We will compare similarities and differences between human and physical geography in these places.



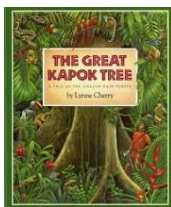
French

We will be developing our pronunciation of various fruits and using them in simple spoken and written sentences. We will practise asking and answering questions such as *Quel est ton fruit préféré?* (What is your favourite fruit?) and expressing opinions using phrases like *J'aime...* and *Je n'aime pas.*

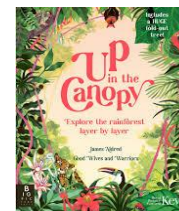
Maths

This term will be focusing on the following topics:

- Translating and reflecting shapes
- Convert between miles and kilometres;
- Convert between g, kg and tonnes;
- Understand lb and convert kg to lb;
- Represent decimals in a variety of ways;
- Multiply and divide by 10, 100 and 1000 involving decimals;
- Multiply decimals by whole numbers;
- Add and subtract decimals;



Year 5 – Summer 1 Rainforest Ranaers



Our Power of Reading texts this term are: *Up in the Canopy* by James Aldred and *The Great Kapok Tree* by Lynne Cherry.

Music

The children will continue to work with Primary Robins on their singing on Thursday mornings. We will be learning to improvise with increasing confidence using our own voices, rhythms and varying pitches. We will also be exploring music from South America and composing pieces using a variety of instruments.



PE

In PE, Year 5 will be focusing on Athletics. When running, we will be considering what key skills are needed to sprint and also how to pace ourselves over longer distances. When jumping, we will investigate how to effectively jump for distance. When throwing, we will explore how to throw accurately over a range of distances.



Science

Living things and their habitats

- Describe the life process of reproduction in some plants and animals
- Work scientifically by: observing and comparing the life cycles of plants and animals in their local environment with other plants and animals around the world (in the rainforest, in the oceans, in desert areas and in prehistoric times)

Identifying, grouping and classifying

We will be using our enquiry skills to answer the questions: Do all plants have the same reproductive systems? How can we find out?



PSHE

Our Jigsaw unit is 'Relationships.' Here, we will be learning about the different relationships we have in our lives. We will be focusing on the relationships we have with ourselves, family and friends We will continue to focus on the relationships we have with technology and how to stay safe online.



Computing

During Computing, we will be selecting, using and combining a variety of software and a range of digital devices to design and create content that accomplish given goals. We will be using the app 'I can animate' to create a stop motion animation of the events in the text 'The Great Kapok Tree'.



KEY DATES

Monday 13th April – First day of Summer 1
Monday 4th May – Bank holiday **Thursday 7th May** – Year 5 PTFA Cake Sale
Friday 8th May– Rainforest Ranger Day
Thursday 21st May- Fire Safety School Visit
Monday 25th- Friday 29^h May – Half term