



## Journey to the Amazon



### Spring Term 2023

#### More about our topic...

*This is an incredibly exciting topic, and we aim to make it a memorable one! Through cross-curricular learning we will partake in some exciting activities that broaden our knowledge of 'The Amazon.'*

*We will also be studying the causes and effects of deforestation within the Amazon rainforest. This will also create links to our PSHE topic which will look at our environment.*

*Pupils will extend their geographical knowledge and will be able to locate the world's countries using maps, understand the position and significance of longitude and latitude and discover the different tropics including layers of the rainforest. Our key text will be 'The Explorer' by Katherine Rundell which is a fascinating class book that the children will all enjoy, and it is one of our favourites!*

*Make sure you continue to keep an eye on our class web page to see the fantastic learning taking place!*



#### English

*In English, we will be improving our grammar, language and ability to write for different purposes through our topic. Some of the exciting writing opportunities this term includes looking at poetic form and an author study. We will also be developing our discursive writing skills further by discussing the issues surrounding deforestation and care of the rainforest.*

*Reading for pleasure and enjoyment will lie at the heart of our English curriculum. Children will be involved in guided reading, using a wide range of texts, linked to topic and our school reading spine. They will take part in group discussions and will be encouraged to share their own views and reading interests. Through discussion and questioning comprehension skills will be developed, enabling children to increase understanding and appreciation of literature. Children are actively encouraged to continue reading at home and we look forward to seeing some new readers of the week this term.*

*Opportunities within all areas of the curriculum will be made available for children to develop their spoken language through discussion, drama and presentations.*



#### Maths

*Maths will be taught as an individual subject and will continue to adhere to the curriculum objectives. Teaching will enable children to become fluent in arithmetic as well as being able to reason and problem solve. Maths lessons will cover all aspects including, understanding number, using all four operations, measurement, geometry and statistics. Pupils will be extended at every opportunity to ensure their potential as mathematicians is achieved. Next term we will be focussing on fractions, decimals, percentages and converting units.*

#### Take home task to support work in school

*To prepare for our new topic, it would be brilliant if the children could research an animal that lives in the rainforest and find some fascinating facts about them that they can present to the class. These facts can be presented in any format. It could be an information a booklet, a slide show, a quiz or even a piece of artwork which they could share. As well as this, please encourage your child to find and read a book related to our new topic (fiction or non-fiction) and report back on it. Thank you for your continued support.*