

Year 6 Summer Term 1 - Parent Information

Rainforest Kingdom

This term we are going to take a trek into the depths of the jungle and explore the rainforests. The Amazon Rainforest is the 'lungs' of our planet. What can we do to protect this delicate environment?

During this half term, we'll take a trip to the rainforest – perhaps not as far as the Amazon Rainforest in South America! We will visit the Tropical House at Durham's Botanic Gardens and experience the warm, humid environment of a rainforest, complete with (at the press of a button) real rain! Here we will find bananas, sugarcane, coffee and giant bamboo!

Our geography will focus on the rainforests of the world, including where they are located. We will study the different layers of the rainforest and find out what amazing plants and animals inhabit this lush ecosystem. Most importantly, we will examine the human impact on our tropical rainforests. We will find out about the impact of their destruction at a local, regional, national and international scale. We will think about what we can do at Lanchester EP to help stop the damage we are causing.



Helping your child prepare

for their project

Rainforests are amazing ecosystems. Why not work together and use non-fiction books or online research to find out about the wonderful animals of the rainforest? You could ask your child to help with



the shopping and find food products with the Rainforest Alliance or Fair Trade logos on them; this shows that the farm, forest or company that provided it have created it sustainably!

Our Class Novel

Fred, Con, Lila, and Max are on their way back to England from Manaus. From his seat in the tiny aeroplane, Fred watches as the mysteries of the Amazon jungle pass by below him. He has always dreamed of becoming an explorer, of making history and of reading his name amongst the lists of great discoveries. If only he could land and look about him.

However, when the plane they're on crashes and the pilot dies upon landing, Fred is suddenly left without a choice. He and the three other children may be alive, but the jungle is a vast, untamed place. With no hope of rescue, the chance of getting home feels impossibly small, until Fred finds a map that leads them to a ruined city, and to a secret!

Curriculum Themes for this half-term	
Memorable experience	Our journey to the Amazon – The Botanic Gardens, Durham University.
English	Writing a persuasive letter about protecting the rainforests, a balanced argument about farming and a 'Fairtrade' advertisement.
Maths	Place Value, Money and Time
Science	Classifying Living Things
A&D	Art in the style of Henry Roseau
Computing	Online Safety
Geography	Rainforest ecosystems, climate change and Fairtrade.
History	How has the Amazon decreased in recent history?
PSHE	Being My Best
RE	So what do we know about Christians?
French	French restaurants and café culture.
Music	Garage Band
PE	Invasion Games and Athletics

Except, it seems, someone has been there before...