Topic Overview

Year: 5 Autumn: 2

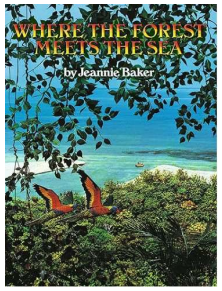
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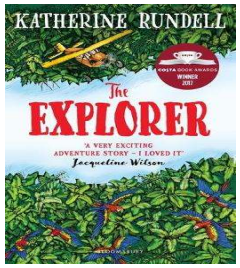
To be able to locate the Amazon Basin on a world map and understand it's position in relation to the equator.
Know key differences between living in the UK and in a country in South America.
Label layers of a rainforest and understand what animals live there.
Know how to use graphs to record features such as temperature.
Use maps and globes to locate the equator and the Tropics of Cancer and Capricorn.
Children will make a presentation of the human and physical geography of the Amazon jungle ecosystem.

Science

Know the life cycle of different living things including mammals, amphibians, insects and birds.
Know the differences between different life cycles.
Understand the life processes of some plants and animals.
Children will research gestation periods of different animals and record on graphs.

Rainforest





Wow starter: Virtual reality rainforest biome

What is biodiversity and what does this mean in relation to the rainforest?

What would it be like to crash land in the rainforest with no adults?

English

The children will read Where the Forest Meets the Sky and learn about cinquain poems. They will share ideas and write their own cinquain poems.

We will be visited by the Shakespeare Company and create work based around the play.

While reading The Explorer, the children will learn skills to write an explanation text about an invention that will help the protagonists survive in the rainforest.

Art

To create a self-portrait outline with poetry related to themselves.
Investigate a variety of materials and compositions for the background of the piece. Print the portrait on to the background.
To develop ideas by experimenting with materials and techniques.

Children will create a mixed media self-portrait, whilst understanding the features of a portrait.

Discrete subjects

Maths – Negative numbers, short multiplication and division

RE –Prophecy and Promise

Catholic Social Teaching – Preferential option for the poor

PE – Netball and Fitness

Computing – Databases

Music – Advent/Christmas carols

Spanish – Phonics

RSE – God is Calling You.