## Theme

This term we will be learning about our planet's rainforests. We will be identifying their whereabouts across the globe, learning about the wildlife that depends on them and the modern-day threats that they face.

#### Science

In Science, we will be focusing on living things and their habitats. During this topic, we will explore the different ways that plants, animals and microorganisms can be sorted and classified.

## Computing

In our computing lessons, the children will be learning about computing systems and networks, exploring how the internet facilitates online communication and collaboration.

## **English**

This term we will be reading the books 'The Great Kapok Tree' by Lynne Cherry and 'Journey to the River Sea' by Eva Ibbotson. These stories will set the scene for our Rainforest topic and will be a starting point for a variety of different writing activities including setting descriptions and poetry. The children will also be accessing a variety of nonfiction, exploring different arguments on deforestation. Throughout their writing opportunities, the children will learn to structure their work to good effect using varying sentence structure and linking devices between paragraphs.

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## Maths

We will be starting this term with a focus on place value and calculation. As part of this, the children will develop their understanding of numbers up to ten million and will learn efficient strategies for calculating with these. The children will continue to have the opportunity to demonstrate their knowledge of these areas in concrete, visual and abstract ways, developing reasoning and problem-solving strategies as they learn.

## <u>PSHE</u>

This term, the children will be learning about personal goals and dreams. Following this we will also explore how working together collaboratively can help to achieve a shared goal.

## Geography

Within our geography sessions this term, we will explore different climate zones, biomes and the significance of the tropics. We will also debate deforestation as our environment focus.

## RF

In our RE sessions this term we will be exploring Christianity by focusing on the question,' What does it mean if Christians believe God is holy and loving?'

## Art & Design Technology

In our art lessons, the children will be creating mixed media collages inspired by the rainforest. They will also be using textiles to create a rainforest animal.

## P.E

Children have PE on Mondays and Thursdays this term and will be focusing on netball skills and gymnastics.

## **Music**

In music lessons this term, the children will be learning about the dimensions of music (pulse, rhythm, pitch etc.) through listening to music, singing and playing percussion instruments.