# Falcons - Term 1

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

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

Communication & collaboration: This involves using digital tools and platforms to share information and work together effectively, often in real-time or remotely. In our computing lessons, the children will be using digital software to share an important message about deforestation.

## **English**

This term we will be reading the book 'The Great Kapok Tree' by Lynne Cherry and 'The Explorer' by Katherine Rundell at the end of the day. This story will set the scene for our Rainforest topic and will be a starting point for a variety of different writing activities, including short burst writing, setting and character descriptions and rainforest poetry. Throughout their writing opportunities, the children will learn to structure their work to good effect using varying sentence structure and linking devices between paragraphs. They will also have a continued focus on choosing appropriate vocabulary and punctuation to communicate their ideas.

# 'Rainforests'

Who should be responsible for caring for our planet?



This term's value:
Thankfulness

#### 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 thinking about their dreams and goals. They will also consider the challenges they may face on their paths to achievement. They will talk about their strengths and how to stay motivated. We will also be electing new school council reps.

## Music

In music lessons this term, the children will be learning about the dimensions of music through listening to music, singing and instruments. playing We will be exploring rainforest themed body and tuned percussion.

## 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. Our country focus for this term is Brazil.

#### R.E

In RE this term, we will be exploring Christianity by focusing on the question,' What does it mean for Christians to believe that God is loving and holy?' We will also be celebrating the Harvest Festival on 10.10.25.

## Art & Design Technology

In our art lessons, the children will be exploring mixed media by creating collages inspired by the rainforest.

## P.E

Children will have PE on Wednesdays and Fridays this term. We will be focusing on tag rugby and gymnastics.