

# Term 4 Amazon Adventures

Dear Parents,

Our topic for Term 4 is, *"Amazon Adventures"*. We will be travelling to South America to explore this fascinating ecosystem. Throughout our journey we will be discovering the animals that live there, the four layers that make up the rainforest and finding out about a variety of plants; even ones that can grow without soil! We will be using the texts, *The Great Kapok Tree* and *The vanishing Forest*, to support our learning.

We are very lucky to have two student teachers, Mrs Fry and Miss Searle with us this term.

<b>Reading</b>	Please read with your child at least three times a week at home and ensure that their reading record is signed and dated. A member of staff will be checking reading diaries on a Friday. If pupils have read three times, they now get extra choosing time on a Friday!
<b>Spellings</b>	Spelling tests are every Friday, and your child will be tested on the spelling pattern and High frequency words they have learnt that week. New spellings will be sent out every Friday.
<b>Maths</b>	Maths homework will be set on a Friday and will be expected to have been completed by the following Thursday.
<b>Times Tables</b>	Each child will have a Times Table Rockstars login and should be practising their tables (either on this website or in another way) three times a week at home. Please use the 'Soundcheck' game regularly for speed and then 'Jamming' to practise specific tables.

### Helping to enrich our topics

It is always great to have items or visitors that support our topic, so if anyone has any experience or items that may help us with any of this term's theme or would enhance the children's learning, please let us know!

### **Useful Websites:**

<https://education.nationalgeographic.org/>

<https://www.natgeokids.com/uk/discover/geography/physical-geography/amazon-facts/>

<https://rainforestfoundation.org/engage/kids/>

<https://play.trockstars.com/auth/school>

### **Questions you could ask your child about their learning this term:**

- Where is the Amazon Rainforest?
- Can you find out about the animals that live in the Amazon?
- Can you find out about the different layers of the rainforest?
- Why is the Amazon called a rainforest?




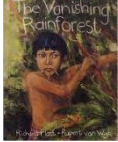


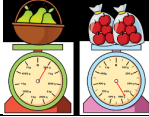

















**Reminders** – Please can you make sure your child brings in a water bottle each day with fresh water, ensure all jumpers are labelled and bring a warm coat. PE is on a Monday and Friday for all children. Please send your child in wearing their PE clothes, in line with school policy.

**Forest School** - Our Forest School session this term will be on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> March.

Many thanks for your continued support,

Mrs Adams, Mrs Hale, Mrs Wood, Mrs Fry and Miss Searle

# Term 4 'Amazon Adventures' Learning Map

<p><b>Literacy</b></p> 	<p><b>Fair Trade Chocolate</b> <b>Non Chronological Report writing</b></p> 	<p><b>Persuasive Writing</b></p> 	<p><b>Narrative</b></p> 
<p><b>Maths</b></p> 	<p><b>Fractions</b></p>  <p>third                  quarter</p>	<p><b>Measurement</b> <b>Mass and capacity</b></p> 	<p><b>Decimals</b></p> 
<p><b>Science</b></p> 	<p><b>Animals including humans</b></p> 		
<p><b>Art and DT</b></p> 	<p><b>Mayan Art</b></p> 		
<p><b>Geography</b></p> 	<p><b>Settlements</b></p> 		
<p><b>History</b></p>	<p><b>Mayan Civilisation</b></p> 		
<p><b>PSHE</b></p> 		<p><b>Healthy Me</b></p>	
<p><b>Computing</b></p> 	<p><b>Branching</b></p> 		
<p><b>RE</b></p> 	<p><b>Christianity: What kind of world did Jesus want?</b></p> 		
<p><b>French</b></p> 	<p><b>All about me</b></p> <p><b>TOUT SUR MOI...</b></p>		
<p><b>Music</b></p> 	<p><b>Sending musical messages</b></p> 