



Term 4- South America



What kind of world do we want to create?

Dear Maples parents and carers,

Our topic for Term 4 is South America. We will be exploring the fascinating ecosystem in South America. 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.

Reading	Please read with your child at least three times a week and ensure this is logged on your BoomReader account. This will be checked weekly. The children are continuing to make great progress on 'Lexia' so thank you for all your support.
Maths	Maths homework will be set on a Tuesday ready to be handed to the teacher the following Monday. This can be handed in early if completed.
Times Tables	Please complete 10 mins of Times Table Rock Stars each week. This is especially important for year 4 as this will help build up their fluency leading up to the times table assessment later in the year.
Grammar	Grammar homework will set fortnightly on a Tuesday ready to be handed to the teacher the following Monday. This can be handed in early if completed.

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.ttrockstars.com/auth/school>
- <https://mathsframe.co.uk/en/resources/resource/477/Multiplication-Tables-Check>

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?



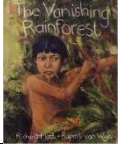

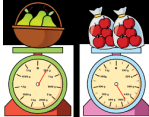











Reminders – Please can you make sure your child brings in a water bottle each day with fresh water; ensure all jumpers are labelled and bring a coat for any wet weather. **Our PE days are Mondays and Fridays.** On these days, the children should come dressed in their PE kit to school. Please ensure your child is wearing the correct kit as stated in the school uniform update.

Many thanks for your continued support,
Mr Lulham, Miss Taiclet and Mrs Wood



Term 4 'South America' Learning Map



<p>Literacy</p>	<p>Non Chronological Report writing</p> 	<p>Persuasive Writing</p> 	<p>Narrative</p> 	
<p>Maths</p>	<p>Fractions</p>  <p>third quarter</p>	<p>Measurement Mass and capacity</p> 		<p>Measurement</p> 
<p>Science</p>	<p>Animals including humans</p> 			
<p>Art</p>	<p>Mayan Art</p> 			
<p>Geography</p>	<p>Settlements</p> 			
<p>History</p>	<p>Mayan Civilisation</p> 			
<p>PSHE</p>		<p>Healthy Me</p> 		
<p>Computing</p>	<p>Branching</p> 			
<p>RE</p>	<p>Christianity: What kind of world did Jesus want?</p> 			
<p>French</p>	<p>Numbers</p> 			
<p>Music</p>	<p>Sending musical messages</p> 