



Term 4 Amazon Adventures



Dear Parents,

Our overall topic for Term 4 will be, "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.

Reading	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 Thursday. Please try to complete one session of Lexia weekly at home, which will count towards their reading minutes. Those children that are either meeting or exceeding their suggested time have made fantastic progress.
Spellings	Spelling tests are every Monday, and your child will be tested on the spelling pattern they have learnt that week. New spellings will be set every Monday.
Maths	Maths homework will be set on a Monday and will be expected to have been completed by the following Monday. Maths homework will be set on MyMaths. They will also be set a weekly times table activity to complete as part of their homework. This may be repeated several times to ensure their subject knowledge.
Times Tables	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.

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>

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



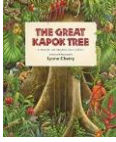
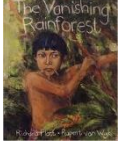


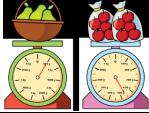
















- Where is the Amazon Rainforest?
- Can you find out about the animals that live in the Amazon?
- Can you find out about the different layers of the rainforest?
- Why is the Amazon called a rainforest?

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 Friday for all children.

Swimming will continue this term. It has been wonderful to see how much Willow Class are enjoying the lessons and the improvements that they are all making in their confidence and technique.

Many thanks for your continued support,
Miss Surtees, Mrs Thurman , Mrs Champion

Term 4 'Amazon Adventures' Learning Map

<p>Literacy</p> 	<p>Fair Trade Chocolate 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>Decimals</p> 
<p>Science</p> 	<p>Animals including humans</p> 		
<p>Art and DT</p> 	<p>Mayan Art</p> 		
<p>History /Geography</p> 	<p>Settlements</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>All about me</p> <p>TOUT SUR MOI...</p>		
<p>Music</p> 	<p>Sending musical messages</p> 