



Rainforest Explorers!

We hope you have had a restful and enjoyable Easter break. We are looking forward to our new topic 'Rainforest Explorers', please find information below about what we will be learning.

In **Science**, the children will learn what a habitat is and how different animals are suited to different habitats. We will search for wildlife in different parts of our school grounds (including the pond) and also in Upham. We will learning about microhabitats about simple food chains. Later in the half-term, we will be researching rainforest animals and finding out about the different rainforest habitats. **Art** will be closely linked with science as the children will be doing observational drawings of some of the wonderful things in our school habitat.

Our **English** aim for this half term is to create an informative and persuasive non-fiction page to persuade people to protect the rainforest. We will add pop-up or interactive information page about a rainforest animals and habitat. We will need to use our **Design Technology** skills to research different mechanisms, plan and create our pages.

Within our **Geography** fieldwork at school and at Upham Rec, we will explore how to use a compass. We will also be identifying physical and human features and will use Google Earth to look at our local area. We will use Google Earth to also look at the Amazon Rainforest and compare it to Upham. The children will be learning about hot and cold places around the world in relation to the equator, particularly the warm rainforest locations near the equator. They really will be 'Rainforest explorers!'

Rainforest dance will be the **indoor P.E.** focus, when the children will explore body movements to music and perform dances. **Outdoor P.E.** will be athletics and tennis skills.

In **Music**, the children will have lots of fun using percussion instruments to recreate rainforest sounds and make music. There will also be lots of singing!

Our **R.E** theme is love and friendliness, in which the children will move from their own experience of these qualities to what the Bible tells us and their importance to Christians.

Linked to their own experiences, **RSHE** will provide opportunities to think about friendship and feelings.

In **Computing**, the children will be learning about technology around the home and they will be learning about how to open webpages and use age-appropriate websites.

Maths will focus on fractions, moving on to place value to 100 for year 1 and statistics (data handling) for year 2.

It's going to be a very busy, action-packed half term. We look forward to teaching your children lots of new and exciting things and seeing each of them continue to flourish.