

Year 4 - Autumn 2

Why is the rainforest important to me?



This term are learning about the Rainforest. We will use map skills to locate Rainforests in the world, particularly those in South America. Pupils will learn about the benefits of the Rainforest and how the Rainforest is essential to the Earth's climate. We will learn about the impact of deforestation and how animals are becoming extinct after losing their habitats. In Science we will learn that living things all need energy to stay alive.

English:

In English, we will be studying the key texts of 'The Rainforest Grew All Around', 'The Vanishing Rainforest' and 'The Great Kapok Tree' We will be writing poetry, holding a debate, writing a non-chronological report and a persuasive letter. The children will also be using their inference skills and prediction skills, exploring author choice and have a heavy focus on new and extended vocabulary.

Maths:

This term, Year 4 are now consolidating their addition and subtraction calculation methods, using visual representation to solve problems. We will then be moving onto multiplication, so please keep practising those times tables and number bonds! Every child has a Mangahigh log in, their passwords are in their reading record. Mangahigh is a great website for improving and practicing maths concepts in a fun way.

Ways to help at home:

- Listen to your child read each day. Every child takes home a reading book.
- Test your child on their times tables up to their 12s. If they know them, start looking at division too.
- Encourage them to complete their homework.
- Discuss with your children what facts they have learnt during their Science and Geography lessons.

Other information:

- Swimming will continue every Wednesday.
- Homework will be set on Teams every Wednesday and due to be completed by the following Tuesday.