

Literacy

We will begin this topic by reading and enjoying the book 'One Night Far From Here' by Julia Wauters. We will discuss the layout of the text and why the author has decided to present it in this way.

We will identify different word types eg noun, verb, adjective etc and the children will come up with their own adjectives to describe the animals in the book. There will be opportunities to look at suffixes and notice what effect they have on the reader.

The children will retell parts of this book as a narrative and will also have the chance to write a fact file on some of the animals they have seen in the story. We will focus on conjunctions and how these can add to the effect of the text.

The children will end this topic by planning, writing and editing an exciting Kenning Poem. They will choose an animal and use 2 word phrases to describe them. The children will have a chance to perform these poems to the class using actions.

Expressive Arts and Design

Art and Design

The children will use line and texture to draw lots of different rainforest animals. They will use their skill to create pictures of the rainforest on acetate to hide their Kenning poems.

Design and Technology

The children will use boxes to make the 4 layers of the rainforest. They will work together in a group to use different materials. They will think about the animals that live in each part and make these out of junk modelling.

PSHE

In this topic we will discuss the importance of our world. We will look at how some rainforests have been destroyed.

From this the children will then understand how to care for the environment. The children will come up with ways to protect the rainforest and will design some posters that would show people the damage we are creating. From this they will notice the positive and negative effects humans have on their world.

Sounds of the Rainforest



Enrichment

We will start this topic by reading the book and exploring what makes it exciting and interesting. The children will plan and create their own Kenning poems.

The children will design and make the layers of the rainforest in their colour groups. They will look at the forest floor, understory, canopy and emergent layers.

The children will get to taste test different chocolate that has come from rainforests around the world.

The children will then celebrate all of their hard work with a Fantastic Finish.

Understanding the World

Geography

The children will be researching where you can find rainforests in the world. By doing this they will notice the different continents and recognise the varied weather in these rainforests.

History

The children will explore the changes to the rainforest. They will look at how the rainforest used to be and how/why they have changed so much now.

Computing

During this topic the children will have opportunities to use Purple Mash and other apps to create adverts and posters. These adverts will show people why the rainforest is so important and what we must do to protect them.

Science

In Science the children will look at habitats in particular the rainforest. They will use what they have learnt to identify microhabitats within this and the creatures that may live here. They will explain how these animals are suited to their habitat.

We will also look in detail at the different plants that can survive in the rainforest.

Maths

The children will be recording and comparing the temperature of England and the rainforest. They will calculate the difference between them over a period of 2 weeks.

The children will also be drawing items to scale such as insects you could find in the rainforest.