



## Journey to the Amazon



### Spring Term 2026

#### More about our topic...

This is an incredibly exciting topic and we aim to make it a memorable one! Through cross-curricular learning we will partake in some exciting activities that broaden our knowledge of 'The Amazon.'

We will also be studying the causes and effects of deforestation amongst the Amazon rainforest.

Pupils will extend their geographical knowledge and will be able to locate the world's *rainforests* using maps, understand the position and significance of longitude and latitude and discover the different tropics including layers of the rainforest. Our key text will be 'The Explorer' by Katherine Rundell which is a fascinating class book that the children will all enjoy and it is one of our favourites!



Make sure you continue to keep an eye on our web page to see the fantastic learning taking place!

#### English

In English, we will be improving our grammar, language and ability to write for different purposes through our topic. Some of the exciting writing opportunities this term includes looking at poetic form and an author study. We will also be developing our discursive writing skills further by discussing the issues surrounding deforestation and care of the rainforest.

Reading for pleasure and enjoyment will lie at the heart of our English curriculum. Children will be involved in guided reading, using a wide range of texts, linked to topic and our school reading spine. They will take part in group discussions and will be encouraged to share their own views and reading interests. Through discussion and questioning, comprehension skills will be developed, enabling children to increase understanding and appreciation of literature. Children are actively encouraged to continue reading at home and we look forward to seeing some new readers of the week this term.



#### Maths

Maths will be taught as an individual subject and will continue to adhere to the curriculum objectives. Teaching will enable children to become fluent in arithmetic as well as being able to reason and problem solve. Maths lessons will cover aspects including, fractions, decimals, percentages and converting units. Pupils will be extended at every opportunity to ensure their potential as mathematicians is achieved.

#### Take home task to support work in school

To prepare for our new topic, it would be brilliant if the children could research something that interests them. This can be anything rainforest related. Present your findings through a medium of your choice, whether it be a picture, a piece of writing, or a model would be especially good! Please be ready to share your findings with the class.