Topic Overview for Rainforests Class Eagles Class Term Term 1 2025

English

Daily reading (class or 1:1).
Books to share :**The Great Kapok Tree** (Lynne Cherry) **The Minpins** (Roald Dahl), **The Tin Forest** (Helen Ward)
VIPERS skills practised during Guided Reading sessions.
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Writing to inform – description of a rainforest.
Writing to persuade – Letter to persuade to preserve rainforest habitat.
Writing to entertain-mini narrative
Spelling practice – Yr 2 suffixes, contractions (can't/don't etc), use of apostrophes in possession, homophones such as 'sea/see', they're/their/there
Spelling Practice-Yr 3
'ou'- 'u' sound and 'ow' sound
'y'- 'I' sound
Suffix-'ture' and 'aure'

Grammar –
- Noun phrases
- Subordinating conjunctions
- Coordinating conjunctions
- Exclamation sentences
- Commas to mark clauses
- Possessive apostrophes

Art & Design

Collages and paintings of rainforest flora and fauna
. Printing to create a rainforest display
Study of artist William Morris and Henri Rousseau

Computing

Google Earth to explore rainforests and compare with UK.
Creating and using pictograms to show data that has been gathered and comparing information.

Design & Technology

Design, plan & sew a rainforest creature to display – using running stitch, threading needles.

Geography

What is a rainforest? Layers of the rainforest.
Where are the rainforests in the World?
Who lives in a rainforest?
What are the effects of humans on the rainforest? How can we preserve it?
Comparisons with woodland in the UK.
Study of OS maps and atlases.

Mathematics

Place Value
- Yr 2- Numbers to 100
- Add & Subtract 2 digit numbers
- Yr 3-Numbers to 1000
- Add & subtract 3 digit numbers
- Esitmating
- Problem solving

Arithmetic and number strategies

Multiplication facts
- Yr 2s 2x,5x,10x tables
- Yr 3s – 3x, 4x and 8x tables.

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Modern Languages

Food – Introduction of different food via a rap!
Re-cap of how to say you like/dislike something (use of negative phrase)
Introduction of present tense of verb 'manger' (to eat)
Cutlery! Use of nouns and adjectives (position of) and explore pronunciation of some letters in French (same or different to English?)
Recipe 'Le pain perdu' Follow instructions!

Music

Creating a story/description in a rainforest through music.
Using different instruments, examining rhythm and sound effects.

Science

Animals & Humans
Health and movement
- Understand humans get nutrition from food
- Explore what a balanced diet is
- Investigate foods animals/our pets eat
- Study habitat of the rainforest and how plants and animals depend on each other .
- Revise food chains.

History

Geography focus

Physical Education

Personal-Keep trying!
Footwork
One leg balance
Coordination & balance skills with a partner

Tuesday PE lesson with Sports Coach.

Religious Education

Islam – Studying how important it is for a Muslim to visit a mosque and how important it is to pray in a special way..
Looking at the sense of belonging when a Muslim person follows these practices.
PHSE
Being My Best- Golden Rules
What keeps us healthy and happy?.