

Theme Overview ~ Rainforests

Breadth of Study

Science

As scientists we will be making the most of our school grounds by learning about the plants and animals that grow there. We will be learning about habitats and food chains. We will then replicate this when we learn about the rainforest as a habitat. Year 3s will also be investigating food chains and food webs and the importance of plants in either habitat.

Art

We will be basing our art work around the painting 'Tiger in a Tropical Storm' by Henri Rousseau. We will be using this as inspiration for our own collage work using different natural materials to create prints and textures.

Geography

Our topic is led by geography. We will be using maps and aerial photographs to find out about our local environment and making comparisons between Stockbridge and a village alongside a river in the rainforest. We will be learning about the human and physical features for both places. Year 3s will be considering the impact of building in the remote parts of rainforests.

Music

Our music will be based around the carnivals of Brazil. We will be exploring rhythm and pattern in our Samba style work using a range of percussion instruments. We will listen to the Carnival of the Animals and identify the different animals represented. Year 3s will be composing their own pieces of carnival music.

Curriculum drivers

Enterprise

We will be making the most of our wildlife area to develop areas that different animals and minibeasts will thrive in. We will end our topic by thinking about the impact of deforestation and destruction of the rainforests.

Outdoor learning

We will be outside finding out about our immediate environment. We will be out in the town looking at physical and human geographical features and plotting these onto aerial photographs and self-drawn maps.

Active Learners

You will find us outside a lot during this topic, learning through first-hand experience. We will be encouraged to explore our immediate environment and use this to make comparisons with the rainforests.

Multicultural

We will be learning about the lives of people who live in the Amazon basin and making comparisons with our lives. We will learn about the importance of the rainforests and rivers for these communities.

Enterprising is a service to others which provides something of value.

Making best use and getting most value from the outdoor environment, people and places including local settings.

We want children to be active rather than passive learners; to be enquiring, physical and have NO WORKSHEETS!

Broaden children's horizons, empathy and understanding of other cultures outside of Stockbridge.

Enrichment

Visit: Marwell Zoo ~ their new rainforest section

Texts: We will be reading non-fiction books based on animals and rainforests and Journey to the River Sea by Eva Ibbotson.

Small scale visit: Stockbridge