



# Year 5 - Summer 1

## 'Remarkable Rainforests'



### Topic

For our topic this half term, we will be learning all about rainforests, to link in with our class novel 'The Explorer' by Katherine Rundell. We will look at where rainforests are located, explore the different layers of the rainforest, and learn about all the different animals and plants that survive there. We will also understand how rainforests are under threat and what we can do to save them. Finally, we will create jungle art in the style of Henri Rousseau. During science, we will learn all about living things and their habitats, including life cycles, the process of reproduction in plants and animals, and the work of naturalists.

### Numeracy

In Numeracy, we will be focusing on:

- \* Finding equivalent fractions
- \* Multiplying fractions and finding fractions of amounts
- \* Ordering and comparing decimals
- \* Rounding decimals
- \* Understanding percentages
- \* Converting between fractions, decimals and percentages

### Literacy

In Literacy, we will be focusing on:

- \* Writing a narrative based on our class novel 'The Explorer' by Katherine Rundell
- \* Creating a non-chronological report on a creature of the Amazon rainforest
- \* Skills include: Using personification and the 5 senses to up-level our writing. Using a variety of sentence structures to build tension.

### Home Learning

To extend your child's learning at home, you could:

- Practise their weekly spellings
- Hear them read - ask them questions about the book
- Practise their times tables
- Conduct research about the Amazon rainforest
- Build a rainforest den outside
- Try a range of exotic fruit and food you could find in the rainforest (including dried insects!)
- Create a rainforest in a box and label the different layers



### Parental Engagement

We would like to invite you to attend a session with us to create a collaborative piece of art about the rainforest.

This event will take place:  
Tuesday 21st May 2024  
9am - 10am