

## English

Children will learn about myths and traditional tales set in the rainforest. They will explore a range of texts and attempt their own "Just So" story.



## Maths

Children continue to develop skills in of all four number operations, work on shape, measuring and data handling. This term, there will be a strong focus on the using and applying of skills to problems.



## Science

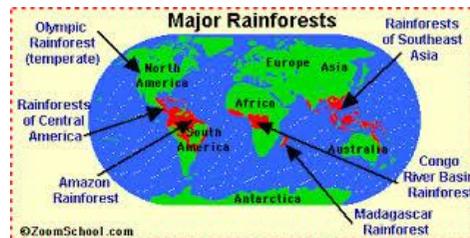
Children will explore a variety of everyday materials and develop simple descriptions of the states of matter. Children will learn about evaporation and condensation in the water cycle. Then, they will go onto learning about animals including humans. In particular, we will look at teeth and the digestive system.

## Summer Term

# Rainforests

## Topic Overview

The theme this term will have a geography focus. Children will locate rainforests on a world map whilst researching the climate and animals that live there. They will discover the countries where rainforests are, identifying the Equator and the Tropics. They will explore the various layers of the rainforest, identifying the plants and animals at each layer. Finally, the children will reflect on some of the challenges faced by the rainforest such as deforestation, global warming and its effects on endangered species.



## ICT

The children will use ICT to support the research of rainforests. There will also be the opportunity to practise coding and debugging.

## History

Children will research the mysterious Maya Empire. They will explore their number system, their government and their religious beliefs.

## Art

The children will research Mayan art. They will explore different techniques using a variety of media. This will culminate in a class collage of a piece of work inspired by the work of the Mayan civilization.



## How Can You Help?

The Year 4 team would be extremely grateful for any resources relating to the rainforests and any of the areas above.

## Homework

Can we take this opportunity to remind parents that children are expected to practise daily:  
Speedy maths facts  
Reading (making regular entries in their reading record)  
Spellings