



Year 4
Spring Term

The Rainforest!





This term we will be finding out about:

In our new topic of Rainforest we will be learning about not only the Amazon, but that there are tropical rainforests all over the world. We will be using our geography skills to locate where tropical rainforests are and some of the key layers of the rainforest. We will be using our scientific skills to understand how the ecosystem works and learning about some of the animals that live in the jungle.

We will also focus on:


- The people who live in the rainforest
- Deforestation and the campaign to save the rainforest
- Different products that come from the rainforest
- Food that we get from the rainforest

Our topic will begin with:

Children understanding where in the world the rainforests are and why.

Our topic will end with:

Children designing and creating their own rainforest juice drink.



You can support your learning at home by:

Reading - Please make sure reading is continued at home and read for at least 10 minutes and note this down in the homework diary.

<http://www.worldbookday.com/reading-ideas-youll-love/>

Using the link above, click on the different authors for further reading ideas.

Spelling and Handwriting - Please complete weekly to help build spelling knowledge and a fluid handwriting style.

Doing /making - extend knowledge and skills by visiting websites for children. Here are some examples:

[http://www.rainforest-](http://www.rainforest-alliance.org/multimedia/treehouse)

[alliance.org/multimedia/treehouse](http://www.rainforest-alliance.org/multimedia/treehouse) - virtual tree house.

<http://www.rainforest-alliance.org/kids> - lots of games and facts.

Visiting

Visit the local library to find books and information on rainforests.

Visit Kew Gardens (children's ticket free with an accompanying adult).



Key information:

Year group trip:

During our topic the rainforest will come to Hazeldene with a very special visit from some of the animals (date TBC)!

Key dates:

Hilltop Information Meeting - Thursday 18th January

World Book Day - Thursday 1st March

Hilltop Residential - 26th to 28nd March

PE days: Indoor P.E on a Wednesday and outdoor P.E on a Thursday (both classes).

Other Information: Please ensure correct PE kit and school uniform is worn every day.