



Wild, Weird and Wonderful



Year 4 – Summer 1 and 2

What's it all about?

This topic explores the rainforests of the world and the animals and people who live in them.



Geographers: We will learn how to locate rainforests on a map, deforestation and tribes that live in rainforests.

Readers: We will study the following text: *Running Wild* by Michael Morpurgo.

Spellers: We will be covering the following patterns: auto, anti, ex, non, -ar, c as an s, -full and -ness.

Writers: We will commence the summer term by writing a biography about David Attenborough, then we will use our core text 'Running Wild' to help write a setting description, build up of an adventure story and a recount. We will also explore poetry and write an information text about the rainforest.

Mathematicians: We will work on decimals, money, shapes, statistics and position and direction.

Musicians: We will explore the 'Global Pentatonics and Horse in Motion' unit in summer 1 and the 'Your Favourite Song' unit in summer 2.

RE: We will learn about 'Islam' in summer 1 and then the thematic unit 'Are words more important than actions?' in summer 2.

Artists: We will produce animal print artwork using mixed media.

Scientists: We will explore the units 'Teeth and Digestion' in summer 1 and 'Electricity' in summer 2.

Life Skills: We will explore the 'Being my Best' and 'Growing and Changing' topics.

Family Learning Ideas:

- Visit the Natural History Museum—London, RHS Gardens—Wisley and/or WWF Experience—Woking
- Create a piece of art based on the layers of the rainforest.

Hermitage Values:

Our values will be resilience (Summer 1) and cooperation (Summer 2)

Trips/ Visits:

- We will be visiting the Shah Jahan Mosque on Wednesday 29th April.
- A rainforest expert will be visiting with a collection of wild animals for Year 4 to see on Tuesday 30th June.

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