

Introduction As explorers the children will investigate the Amazon rainforest and its climate. Children will understand the plants and the animals of the rainforest. To inspire pupils and make learning interesting an expert will be invited on **Friday 8th September 2017** to provide a top level educational visit with birds of prey and exotic animals. Throughout their discovery as an explorer the children will keep a diary of their journey. The children will gain a good understanding of what impact our actions have on the environment and what can be done to protect it in the future. To conclude the theme the children will invite



**In the depth
of the forest**

Learning overview As artists the children will be designing and making their own rainforests, focusing on texture and pattern. As design technologists the children will be creating a book on the rainforests flowers and their healing properties.

As writers the children will be inspired by the story of The Shamans Apprentice by Lynne Cherry and Mark J. Plotkin to write their own descriptive setting focusing on figurative language.

In the mathematics area of the curriculum the children will be working on number and place value.

They will be working as scientists to investigate nature and animals.

In ICT the children will explore the rainforest using the internet to research the work carried out by the WWF organisation.

How can you support your child at home? Please ensure your child continues to read at least four times a week and records it in their reading record. Please also encourage your child to practise the national curriculum words in the front of their homework book.