

## Lower Key Stage Two Curriculum

Spring

This term Lower Key Stage Two will be exploring a global unit focusing on South America. The children will be identifying where in the world South America is and looking at the physical and human features of the continent. Through a range of non-fiction texts and Mantle enquiry, the pupils will become immersed in real life issues such as overpopulation, protection of animals habitats and deforestation.

# The Rainforest



## English- Non-fiction

**This term we will be...** exploring the fictional text 'The Great Kapok Tree: A Tale of The Amazon Rain Forest' by Lynne Cherry alongside a range of non-fiction texts about the South America and the Rainforest. LKS2 will be using learning about the main features of a range of non-fiction texts, focusing specifically on explanation and discussion texts. Our end of unit outcome will be our own discussion text which presents both sides of the deforestation debate. Throughout this journey pupils will be exploring how to be involved in debates, ask and research answers to their questions and form and justify opinions. The pupils will also have the opportunity to work on some fictional writing skills through setting descriptions and diary entries.

**You can help your child by:** Reading more about the Rainforest and deforestation and focusing on different types of non-fiction texts

## Maths

In maths we will be focusing on fractions this term. Year three will:

- Begin to recognise equivalent fractions
- Identify tenths
- Order fractions
- Learn to add and subtract fractions

Year 4 will be looking at:

- Fractions in relation to decimals
- Fractions of amount
- Equivalent fractions.

The key stage will then move onto shape looking at how to create 3D shapes using different resources and nets.

Throughout all units we will be problem solving and reasoning.

**You can help your child by:** Continuing to practise times tables and related number facts each week, ready for our Big Maths Beat That Challenges.

## Cycle 1: Geography LKS2

### Geography:

Our Geography focus this term is climate zones, biomes and vegetation belts. We will learn about these through our Amazonian rainforest focus.

### Design and Technology:

This term, LKS2 will be focusing on cooking in design and technology. We will learn about healthy eating and seasonal foods.

### Computing:

In computing, the pupils will learn about online safety and media. This will be looking at the importance of passwords and data protection to keep us safe online

### PE:

In PE, we will be doing gymnastics and dance. In dance we will be learning to salsa.

### Science:

This term, in science LKS2 will be learning about 'living things and habitats'. The pupils will focus on habitats and living things within the rainforest. We will be linking this to the different layers of the rainforest and which animals suit different habitats within these layers.

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### Behaviour for Learning:

We will be focusing on appropriate challenge within our Behaviour for Learning sessions.

### Be Safe:

Safe on... 'The Internet'  
Safe from... 'Bullying'

### History:

In history we will be looking at significant historical events with a focus on Brazil.

### Art and Design:

Linking with our topic, the pupils will be learning about colour through painting.

We will be looking at specific shades of colour including the colour wheel.

### Spanish:

In Spanish, we will be learning songs and games linked to colours.

### Music:

Children will be looking at Benjamin Britten 'There was a monkey'.

### RE:

Our RE focus is 'Rules for living'.