

Year 1 Autumn RAINFOREST

This term's creative learning topic is all about the 'Rainforest.' The rainforests are under threat and it is important that the children understand how places, a great distance away from them, can still influence aspects of their lives. I have outlined below, some of the different kinds of learning the children will be involved in and hope that together we can bring some of the magnificent beauty, wonder and sheer diversity into the classroom.

English/writing corner

Rainforest dictionary/word mat
Postcards from the rainforest
Save our Rainforest posters
Write descriptions of the animals
Rainforest poetry
Glossary of terms about the rainforest
Lists
Labels
Captions
Stories with repeating patterns
Familiar stories
Christmas cards

Maths

Number and Place value,
sequencing and sorting,
Fractions
Money
Time
2D and 3 D shape
Measuring/Weight
Addition/subtraction

Geography

Where are the rainforests?
What are the physical features of the landscape?
Look at where animals live in the
rainforest
Habitats
Using maps and atlases
Exploring weather



RAINFOREST TOPIC WEB

Continuous Learning

Role play—Rainforest
Small World—building a tribal village
Craft— tribal jewellery, tribal
rainmaker, rainforest gift card
Modelling dough— tree frog, fruit
bat, parrot, chameleon
Investigating— rainforests structures
Animal footprints

R.E.

*The Church and the Life of
Christ.*

To learn about relationships in the
family, at school, in the
parish and the neighbouring world.
The role of Mary.
To hear and learn about the
Christmas story.

Art/DT

Textiles - textile tree
Camouflage backgrounds
Exploring colour,
pattern and texture
weaving



ICT/

Research on the internet
Roamer—create routes around the rainforest
Dazzle programme—creating animal/rainforest pictures
Talking tins, flip camera, sound images
Word processing packages—inserting text

PE

Dance
Learning to move their
body to music like an
Animal.

Ball skills—throwing,
catching and team games.

I hope this topic web gives you an insight into some of the learning that will take place this term; check the website for work uploaded for you to share. The children are also welcome to extend their learning, at home, by researching the topic using the following websites.

www.chiddingstone.kent.sch.uk/homework/rainforest.html
www.rainforest-alliance.org/kids

Of course this term includes Christmas, so the children will also be visiting The Judges Lodgings in Lancaster to experience their Victorian Christmas Activities. The children will also be involved in all the wonderful learning surrounding this magical time which includes practising hard for the eagerly awaited annual Christmas Play.

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Music

Sounds of the rainforests
Exploring simple repeated
patterns
Exploring how musical elements
can create different moods
Using their voice in different
ways