

Year 6 Spring Term 2 - Parent Information

Rainforest Kingdom

This term we are going to take a trek into the depths of the jungle and explore the rainforests. The Amazon Rainforest is the 'lungs' of our planet. What can we do to protect this delicate environment?

During this half term, we'll take a trip to the rainforest – perhaps not as far as the Amazon Rainforest in South America! We will visit the Tropical House at Durham's Botanic Gardens and experience the warm, humid environment of a rainforest, complete with (at the press of a button) real rain! Here we will find bananas, sugarcane, coffee and giant bamboo!

Our geography will focus on the rainforests of the world, including where they are located. We will study the different layers of the rainforest and find out what amazing plants and animals inhabit this lush ecosystem. Most importantly, we will examine the human impact on our tropical rainforests. We will find out about the impact of their destruction at a local, regional, national and international scale. We will think about what we can do at Lanchester EP to help stop the damage we are causing.



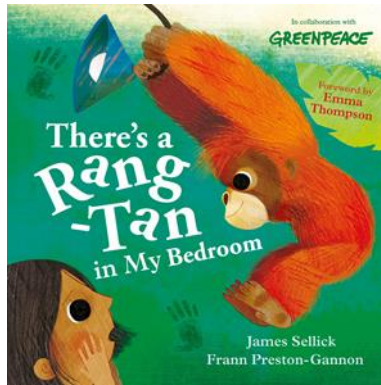
Helping your child prepare

for their project

Rainforests are amazing ecosystems. Why not work together and use non-fiction books or online research to find out about the wonderful animals of the rainforest? You could ask your child to help with

the shopping and find food products with the Rainforest Alliance or Fair Trade logos on them; this shows that the farm, forest or company that provided it have created it sustainably!

Our Class Novel



There's a Rang-Tan in My Bedroom is a stunning picture book about one little girl and her orang-utan friend, based on the Greenpeace film that became a viral sensation. When a little girl discovers a mischievous orang-utan on the loose in her bedroom, she can't understand why it keeps shouting OOO! at her shampoo and her chocolate. But when Rang-tan explains that there are humans running wild in her rainforest, burning down trees so they can grow palm oil to put in products, the little girl knows what she has to do: help save the orang-utans!

Curriculum Themes for this half-term

Memorable experience	Our journey to the Amazon – The Botanic Gardens, Durham University.
English	Writing a persuasive letter about protecting the rainforests, a balanced argument about farming and a 'Fairtrade' advertisement.
Maths	Fractions, Decimals and Percentages, Volume, Perimeter and Area.
Science	Classifying Living Things
A&D	Art in the style of Henry Roseau
Computing	Creating Media – 3D Modelling
Geography	Rainforest ecosystems, climate change and Fairtrade.
History	How has the Amazon decreased in recent history?
PSHE	Rights and Responsibilities
RE	Why are Good Friday and Easter Monday the most important days for Christians?
French	Les Vêtements
Music	Garage Band
PE	Invasion Games and Athletics