



YEAR 6 PROGRAMME OF WORK **AUTUMN TERM 2009**



Much of the work which the children will undertake for the bulk of this term is based on a theme, that of Tropical Rainforests, one which we are sure will capture their imaginations and stimulate their creativity. A trip to the Living Rainforest in Newbury has been planned at the beginning of the term.

Literacy

The children will write in a variety of styles, including extended narrative, diaries and poetry all using rainforest texts as a stimulus. They will be involved in drama and speaking and listening activities, which will provide creative ideas and prompts for their writing. Following the visit to the Living Rainforest, the children will write recount and promotional texts.

Numeracy

The children will be following the National Primary Strategy for Numeracy and will cover a range of topics in Number, including place value, multiplication and division using a variety of methods. They will also work on their understanding of areas of Shape, Data Handling and Measure, covering different types of graph, features of shapes and weight.

Science

The children will study topics in Science which are related to the Tropical Rainforests. They will learn about the Water Cycle, the life-cycle of flowering plants, classification, food chains and adaptation. The visit to the Living Rainforest will enhance their understanding of many of these areas, as will the opportunities for practical investigations which have been planned.

Geography

This subject is central to the Tropical Rainforest theme! The children should by the end of their study be able to answer the question as to why the rainforests are so significant and important to the future of our planet. They will learn about where the forests are, who and what lives in them, why they are under threat and what can be done to save them.

ICT

The children will carry out research on a Tropical Rainforest creature of their choice on the internet and produce a multi-media Powerpoint presentation on it.

Design and Technology

They will design and make a soft toy of the creature they have chosen to research. They will be taught a range of decorative stitching to embellish and join their toy.

Art

Tropical Rainforests are a wonderful stimulus for artwork using a wide range of media and much has been planned including work based on the trip to the Living Rainforest. They will create leaves, flowers and creatures to turn the classroom into our own rainforest.

Music

The children will work in groups to produce their own composition based on the sounds of the rainforest.

PE and Games (They need their kit on Tuesday and Friday)

In Games the children will further their skill and understanding of the games of hockey and rugby, culminating in playing 5-a-side versions of both. In PE the focus will be on dance, again related to the theme of the Rainforests.

RE/ PSHE

The children will learn about creation stories of different world faiths and consider the impact beliefs have on environmental issues.

The topic of Tropical Rainforests is so creative and stimulating that although what has been planned is written above, deviations are highly likely as tangents are forthcoming and acted upon!

On a more serious note, please could you encourage your child to bring the appropriate equipment with them to ensure they are ready to start each day in class fully prepared. They should have handwriting pens, pencils and a 30 centimetre ruler, and it would be wonderful if they had their own colouring pencils, felt tipped pens and glue stick. Thank you very much for your cooperation with this.