Big Question: Why are our forests important to us all?

Year: 5 Term: Spring 2

Introduction to the topic:

During the pre-learning challenge, show the children some pictures and quotes to demonstrate the concept of 'Mother Nature' and explain that we are going to be looking at different regions of the world where the wonder of Mother Nature can be seen – the rainforest and a local forest. Ask the children if they know anything about the rainforests and why they are important. Show the children a map of the locations of a rainforest and ask the children if they notice anything about where they are situated. Then ask the children to complete the pre-learning challenge.

English	Maths	Geography	
Writing own narratives that Maths No Problem		Learning about rainforests	
involve an adventure.	Decimals and Percentages	and comparing them with a	
This is child interest led and	Pupils are learning about the	local forest.	
will culminate in children	relationship between		
being authors of their own	fractions and		
individual stories.	decimals/percentages. They		
	will use their knowledge of		
	adding and subtracting to calculate problems involving		
	tenths and hundredths.		
Art and Design	Design and Technology	PSHE and Citizenship	
Painting and Mixed Media	Mechanical systems	Jigsaw Scheme of Work	
Portraits	Pop-up book	Healthy Me	
Extending a drawn self-	Designing a pop-up book for		
portrait and exploring how a	younger children.		
background can change the	, 0		
finished effect.			
Science	RE	Computing	
Earth and Space	2022 Newham Agreed	NCCE Scheme of Work	
	Syllabus Plans	Data and Information	
	How do beliefs influence	Flat-file databases	
	actions? Investigating the		
	relationship between beliefs and actions.		
	What is thankfulness?		
PE	Music	Spanish	
Handball	Music and Nature	Jobs	
Basketball	Looking at Hans Zimmer and	Pupils will learn the	
	Ludwig van Beethoven	vocabulary related to jobs	
	Learning to play the guitar	as well as questions and	
	g to play the guitar	giving simple opinions.	
		Children will take part in	
		conversations related to jobs.	

Links to the National Curriculum (what must be covered) and assessment descriptors:

English

Pupils should be taught to:

- Plan their writing by:
 - o identifying the audience for and purpose of the writing, selecting the appropriate form and using other similar writing as models for their own and
 - writing narratives, considering how authors have developed characters and settings in what pupils have read, listened to or seen performed.
- Draft and write by:

- selecting appropriate grammar and vocabulary, understanding how such choices can change and enhance meaning;
- o précising longer passages and
- o in narratives, describing settings, characters and atmosphere and integrating dialogue to convey character and advance the action.
- Proof-read for spelling and punctuation errors
- Evaluate and edit by: assessing the effectiveness of their own and others' writing.

Maths

Pupils should be taught to:

- read and write decimals as fractions

recognise and use thousandths and relate them to tenths and hundredths

- round decimals with two decimal places to the nearest whole number
- read, write, order and compare numbers with three decimal places
- solve problems involving number up to three decimal places
- recognise the % symbol and can relate to number of parts per hundred
- solve problems that relate to percentage and fractions- $\frac{1}{2}$, $\frac{1}{4}$, etc.

Geography

Pupils should be taught to locate the world's countries, using maps to focus on South America, concentrating on their environmental regions, key physical and human characteristics.

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ĺ	Working Towards	Expected	Greater Depth
l	I can locate on a map the world's	I can annotate a map to show the	I can explain how climate zones affect
l	climate zones and biomes, and	world's climate zones and biomes, and	biomes and vegetation belts, and
l	identify key human and physical	describe key human and physical	explain the importance of key human
l	characteristics of a region of South	characteristics of a region of South	and physical characteristics of a region
l	America and the UK.	America and the UK.	of South America and the UK.

Art and Design Make

- Apply paint with control in different ways to achieve different effects, experimenting
 with techniques used by other artists and applying ideas to their own artworks e.g.
 making choices about painting surfaces or mixing paint with other materials.
- Develop a painting from a drawing or other initial stimulus.
- Add collage to a painted, printed or drawn background for effect.
- Explore how collage can extend original ideas.
- Combine digital effects with other media.

Knowledge of artists

 Research and discuss the ideas and approaches of artists across a variety of disciplines, being able to describe how the cultural and historical context may have influenced their creative work.

Evaluate

- Discuss the processes used by themselves and by other artists, and describe the particular outcome achieved.
- Use their knowledge of tools, materials and processes to try alternative solutions and make improvements to their work.

Working Towards	Expected	Greater Depth
I can explain what a portrait and what	As before and	As before and
a self-portrait is. I can explain what is	I can name an artist who painted a	I can explain the meaning behind my
meant by mixed-media and give some	well-known self-portrait.	choices for my own self-portrait (e.g.
examples.		what the colours/media choices
		represent).

Design and Technology Design

- Designing a pop-up book which uses a mixture of structures and mechanisms.
- Naming each mechanism, input and output accurately.
- Storyboarding ideas for a book.

Make

- Following a design brief to make a pop-up book, neatly and with focus on accuracy.
- Making mechanisms and/or structures using sliders, pivots and folds to produce movement
- Using layers and spacers to hide the workings of mechanical parts for an aesthetically pleasing result.

Evaluate

- Evaluating the work of others and receiving feedback on their own work.
- How can they improve their product?
- What changes would they make to it?

Working Towards		Expected	Greater Depth
	I can explain what a design brief is	As before and	As before and
	and explain why it is needed.	I can name different mechanisms that can be used in a pop-up book and explain how they can be made.	I can create an exploded-diagram of my pop-up book design and evaluate whether my product fits the design brief.

PSHE and Citizenship and Emotional Literacy/Social Skills

- I know the health risks of smoking and can tell you how tobacco affects the lungs, liver and heart.
- I can make an informed decision about whether or not I choose to smoke and know how to resist pressure.
- I know some of the risks with misusing alcohol, including anti-social behaviour, and how it affects the liver and heart.
- I can make an informed decision about whether or not I choose to drink alcohol and know how to resist pressure.
- I know and can put into practice basic emergency aid procedures (including recovery position) and know how to get help in emergency situations.
- I know how to keep myself calm in emergencies.
- I understand how the media and celebrity culture promotes certain body types.
- I can reflect on my own body image and know how important it is that this is positive and I accept and respect myself for who I am.
- I can describe the different roles food can play in people's lives and can explain how people can develop eating problems (disorders) relating to body image pressures.
- I respect and value my body.
- I know what makes a healthy lifestyle including healthy eating and the choices I need to make to be healthy and happy.

I am motivated to keep myself healthy and happy.

Working Towards	Expected	Greater depth
I can give some reasons why people may worry about how their bodies look, and I can compare healthy and unhealthy ways that people use food in their lives. I can tell you why my body is good the way it is.	I can describe the different roles food can play in people's lives and can explain how people can develop eating problems (disorders) relating to body image pressures. I respect and value my body.	I can describe and evaluate the different roles food can play in people's lives, and I can explain the links between body image pressures and the various eating disorders people can develop. I respect and value my body and I understand the part this plays in maintaining my self-confidence.

Science

Pupils should be taught to:

- describe the movement of the Earth, and other planets, relative to the Sun in the solar system
- describe the movement of the Moon relative to the Earth;
- describe the Sun, Earth and Moon as approximately spherical bodies and
- use the idea of the Earth's rotation to explain day and night and the apparent movement of the sun across the sky.

Working Towards	Expected	Greater Depth
I can explain what the Solar System is	I can name the eight planets in the	I can explain how people's ideas of the
and name the eight planets in the Solar	Solar System in order and I can	Solar System have changed over time.
System in order of their distance away	describe the difference between the	I can explain how the Moon orbits the
from the Sun.	geocentric and heliocentric models of	Earth to cause a month. I can explain
	the Solar System. I can explain how	how the Earth's movement causes
		night and day.

	people's ideas of the Solar System have changed over time.		
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	t religious and non-religious tho	oughts about the power of	
thankfulness in human life. Working Towards	Expected	Greater Depth	
I can describe what I am thankful for.	I can explain the reasons why I am thankful and describe the impact of being thankful on a person.	I can give a detailed explanation of the reasons why I am thankful and of what other people could be thankful for and explain the impact. I can connect my understanding of this concept to ideas about being grateful from a variety of religious teachings.	
Computing			
	le database can be used to org		
	a database to order and answe	•	
• .	from their data to help solve pro question, and present their wo	•	
Working Towards	Expected	Greater Depth	
I know that a flat-file database contains a dataset which can be searched, sorted, and graphed.	As before and I can explain how to use a database field to find the answer I need and I can make sensible suggestions about which field to sort to find the information I need.	I can search for information using two data fields and display my findings in an appropriate way.	
PE			
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Using examples by Hans Zimmer, the children will discuss the role of music in movies/animations in setting the scene/feeling the power of nature etc. See At The Movies unit (Music Express Year 5). Pupils will continue to learn to play the guitar. Working Towards I can express an opinion about a piece of music. Expected I can explain how music from the movies can influence how a viewer is phrases to accompany a short			
I can recognise a guitar and hold it correctly.	feeling and I can explore the reasons for composers' tempo choices. I can play identifiable chords on the guitar.	animation. I can play a tune on the recorder.	
Spanish			
To engage in conversations, those of others, seek clarifica	ask and answer questions, expl tion and help.	ress opinions and respond to	
Educational Visits and Visit			
	visit the Wisdom School in Mad		
Kew Gardens (or encourage families to visit in the half term break).Visit Epping Forest.			
•	and Space exhibitions and wor	kehone	
• Find out where in the wor	ectives/context (Key teaching Id rainforests can be found. graphy and flora and fauna of fo	points)	
Find out about the plants and the creatures that grow in the different layers and how they are adapted to live there.			

- Compare rainforests to forests in the UK.
 Understand what makes rainforests so important.

Key Vocabulary		
Biodiversity	Extinct	4 layers:
Climate	Habitat	Emergent
Conservatism	Humid	Canopy
Dense	Leafy	Understory
Deforestation	Oxygen	Forest floor
Ecosystem	Species	

Endangered	Temperate	
Environment	Tropical	
Equator		

Additional Information

Extra information for teachers about the rainforest: https://www.rgs.org/schools/resources-for-schools/razing-the-rainforest

GCSE information for teachers: https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/guides/zx8n39q/revision/1

Evidence in the books and on display:

- The books and displays in the classroom will show a map of the world and where the rainforest regions are situated.
- The children will have written about the climate, plant life and wildlife in a rainforest and about how rainforests were formed.
- The children will have written about how rainforests can be useful to the world (e.g. rainforests provide oxygen, wood and ingredients for different medicines etc.).

Outcomes:

- The children will have a greater knowledge of geographical regions of significance around the world and will understand the impact of these places on their own lives.
- The children will have practised using atlases to locate different regions and they will have consolidated their learning in how to recognise different features of a map (e.g. how the colour of the map shows where the rainforests are located).
- The children will have learnt how to make good, healthy choices and have strategies to resist peer pressure.

Helpful Websites

BBC Bitesize - https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/zxdsvcw

SMSC					
Spiritual Moral		Social	Cultural		
-Why do some people think that being in nature is a spiritual experience?	-Do we have a moral duty to protect the rainforests?	-How have communities developed around the rainforest and	-What cultural significance does the rainforest have to the people who		
-How do you feel when surrounded by nature?		how do they rely in it? How does this relate to us in our social setting?	live there?		
	FUNDAMENTAL	BRITISH VALUES			
Democracy Individual Liberty Tolerance and			Rule of Law		
-How can people help change what is happening to the rainforests?	-Discuss how we have the liberty to buy the products we want and use them how we want – so how does individual liberty fit in with social and collective responsibility?	-Can nature be respected in the same way that we respect each other?	-What are governments doing to protect the rainforest?		
Links to Rights Respecting Schools					

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• Article 24 – (Clean environment and water)

Links to Safeguarding

• Discussions in PSHE around tobacco, alcohol and body image will provide pupils with the opportunity to share any worries or concerns they have around these issues with a trusted adult.

Celebrating Heritage

- Understanding the importance of the rainforest to the lives and culture of the people living there.
- Understanding how an appreciation of nature is woven into different cultures.