

What is life like in the Amazon?

Learning Planner



In this final half term, Year 6 will be exploring the Amazon Rainforest with our second novel by Katherine Rundell - The Explorer. We will be exploring our own Crescent forest, our local forest in Park Hall, and then comparing them to the Amazon rainforest, understanding the impact of climate and biomes on plant and animal species. In science, we will be studying electricity, to understand how an electrical circuit works and add different components to change the output and current.

Connect & Wonder

- Survival day in the Crescent Forest
 - Bread making
 - Shelter building
 - Knife crafting
 - Fire starting
- Fieldwork at Park Hall
- Rainforest cinema visit

For the Love of Reading

Our story to inspire is 'The Explorer' by Katherine Rundell. Fred had always dreamed of being a famous explorer like his heroes, making discoveries and journeying to far-off places. When their plane crashes into the Amazon Rainforest, Fred, Lila, Max and Con are forced to become explorers to survive and find their way home. Except, it seems, they are not alone in the jungle after all...

Investigate & Construct

- **Geography:** we will be comparing our forest to UK forests, and then to the Amazon Rainforest. Using our locational skills to map, we will have fieldwork opportunities at Park Hall and complete a case study of Manaus, comparing it to our locality.
- **Science:** In Science, we will be studying electricity. We will start by recognising electrical symbols and represent them in circuits before creating circuits and experimenting with different components and how they work.
- **RE:** We will discuss how faith can help some people when times get hard.
- **PSHE:** We will be studying how we change as we become more independent and how friendships change as we grow.
- **PE:** In PE, we will be focusing on cricket, swimming and athletics, ready for our final Sports Day.
- **Art:** We will be creating abstract portraits in the style of Picasso using oil pastels whilst experimenting on paper and canvas'.

Express & Reflect

As the culmination of this final theme, children will become the new Sir David Attenborough and create and edit their own documentary on the Amazon Rainforest and deforestation.

Key Vocabulary

agriculture	climate
ecosystem	indigenous people
rainforest	settlement
season	equator
biome	deforestation

