

# Is the deforestation of the Amazon Rainforest ever justifiable?

Year 6  
Spring Term 1



In the Spring Term, Year Six will be seeking to answer the question: "Is deforestation of the Amazon rainforest ever justifiable?". This will allow pupils to build on their oracy skills through a current issue. It will also give pupils the chance to learn about a very different environment to the one in which they live, and to compare their lives with tribe members. The set text "A Journey to the River Sea", which will also provide excellent narrative opportunities.

## English

We will begin by becoming authors, with particular attention to fairy tales. They will be challenged to 'twist' well known tales such as Little Red Riding Hood and make them different to what we would expect. Children will then go on an adventure through the Amazon. Immersing themselves in Eva Ibbotson's 'Journey to the River Sea', they will experience a variety of writing genres including:

- Narrative – writing their own adventure story
- Argument/debate – problems of the rainforest. Children will be given roles that they must keep to whilst taking part in a written and oral debate.

## Science/DT

We will identify and name vital organs as we look at how the circulatory and digestive system are connected. We will then focus on the kidneys, exploring their role and how they keep us healthy.

## Music

### **Listen and Appraise:**

Musical Styles Connect Us

**Social Question:** How Does Music Teach Us About Our Community?  
Singing and listening are at the heart of each lesson. Play, improvise and compose using a selection of these notes: C, C#, D, E, F, F#, G, A, Bb, B

## Spanish

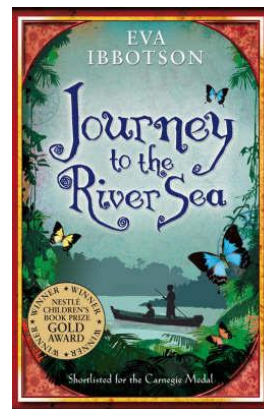
Ma familia – My family

## Religion and World Views and PSHE

In **PSHE**, our Jigsaw focus will be Piece 3 – Dreams and Goals

HSBC will also deliver a session focused on keeping our financial affairs safe.

Looking at racism in **RE**, we will be asking whether religion can help overcome this.



## Geography

We will explore important environmental regions linked to world biomes, with a particular focus on the Amazon Rainforest. There will be opportunities to deepen our understanding of:

- Layers of the rainforest and indigenous species
- Destruction of the rainforest and the implications for people worldwide
- What we can do to save the rainforest.

## Computing

A 'Common Sense Computing' session will support development of internet safety skills.

## Maths

Using Can Do Maths as our key driver, but supported with other materials, we will explore:

- Properties of shape
- Order of operations
- Fractions calculations

KIRF (Key Instant Recall Facts):

- prime numbers up to 50
- square roots up to 15x15

Arithmetic skills will be practised daily.

## Art

We will explore cubism, focusing on the work of Pablo Picasso and Patrick Caulfield. We will use the work of these artists to inspire our own pieces. We will create a painting and a collage.

## PE

### Tennis

We will focus on developing our understanding of the principles of net and wall games, developing tactical skills.

### Gymnastics

Working with others, we will use apparatus to develop a sequence, combining and linking action, and using variations in level, direction and pathway.