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Class - Year 4

Weekly Reading Tasks

Monday- Can you create a rainforest canopy to curl up with a book under? This could be made from paper, bed sheets or anything else that's suitable.

Tuesday- Look at the image called '[Tree of Life](#)' on Once Upon a Picture. Think about what has happened here. What do you think the boy is saying? What do you think the tree is saying? If trees could talk, what might they say? Would trees from different areas of the world say the same things?

Wednesday- See if you can find a recipe involving chocolate and have a go at making it. Watch '[How does the cacao tree grow?](#)' and learn all about where chocolate comes from.

Thursday- Visit [Authorfy.com](#) and register for free. Your child can listen to Katherine Rundell's masterclass on her book The Explorer, based in the Amazon rainforest.

Friday- Choose an e-book from [Oxford Owl](#). Try to look for the colour band you are on. Remember to read with enthusiasm and character voices!

Weekly Writing Tasks

Monday- 'Rainforest Habitats' on your Purple Mash alerts. Research rainforest habitats and write down your findings in the form of a factfile. There are lots of good websites out there to help you with your research. [National Geography for Kids](#) might be a good starting point for you.

Tuesday- Look at images of the [rainforest](#) then write a setting description. Start at the top of the image and work down adding as much detail as possible.

Wednesday- Orangutan Persuasive Poster - carry out some research on orangutans. Think about - where do they live? What does the word 'orangutan' mean? What do they eat? Why are they endangered? What can we do to help? Have a look at the WWF website for more information. You could also [watch this](#) to help you persuade people to help save orangutan's and their habitats.

Weekly Spelling Tasks

Monday- Practise spelling these words: **young, touch, double, trouble, country.** Can you identify the spelling rule? The 'u' sound spelt 'ou'.

Tuesday- How many rainforest words can you think of? Can you come up with a word for each letter of the alphabet? You might come up with more than one word for some letters.

Wednesday- 'Picture This' Choose [5 Common Exception](#) words and draw a picture to represent each word, write the word underneath and use it in a sentence.

Thursday- Complete one spelling quiz on Purple Mash in your Alerts section. (Due before Friday 19th of June).

Friday- Mind map words associated with the rainforest. They can then put these words into alphabetical order.

Weekly Maths Tasks

Monday- Can you research and compare temperatures and rainfall in the Amazon Rainforest and the UK month on month. Have a go at displaying your findings in a bar chart or table. Can you compare the yearly totals?

Tuesday- Have a go at drawing your own fraction wall and then use [this](#) to find equivalent fractions. You can then use this to help you with fractions for the rest of the week. (Remember, we had a go at drawing fraction walls in class!)

Wednesday- Get a square piece of paper or a post-it note and have a go at investigating how many different ways you can make $\frac{1}{4}$, $\frac{1}{2}$, $\frac{1}{3}$ etc.

Thursday- Rainforest Postcard - Log on to Purple Mash and complete 'Rainforest' to do. You have been visiting a rainforest. Write a postcard about your experiences. Have a look [here](#) for some images that might inspire you in your writing. **This needs to be completed by Friday 19th June.**

Thursday- Adding and Subtracting Fractions - practise adding and subtracting fractions on [this game](#). Then play this [rainforest coordinates game](#)

Friday- Write a formal letter to the Government to persuade them to 'save our rainforests'.

Friday- See if you can find some skittles, smarties or different coloured sweets. Empty them out onto a plate and write down what fraction are red, what fraction are yellow, etc. The denominator is the total number of sweets and the numerators are the different colours. You could use coloured buttons, Lego, fruit etc. Don't eat your sweets until you have sorted them!

TOPIC TASKS - To be completed through the week

Our learning this week is based around the theme of RAINFOREST. Here are some tasks to try.

- **Amazon Rainforest** - Using [this link](#), can you use a map to locate the Amazon Rainforest? Add it to the map. What route does the Amazon river take? See if you can find out some interesting facts about the Amazon Rainforest and create a quiz for your family.
- **Rainforest Diorama** - Make a model of a rainforest in a box. An old show box works perfectly. Can you try to create the various layers of the rainforest in your model?
- **Design a T-shirt** - Design a T-shirt that would encourage people to save the rainforest. It is important to think of a catchy slogan and also include some simple but powerful images to help show the need to save the rainforest.
- **Sumatran Orangutans** - Log on to Purple Mash and complete 'Sumatran Orangutan Factfile.' Try to add as much detail as possible. Think about appearance, diet, natural habitat, extinction and prevention. [Here](#) might be a good place to start on your research. **This needs to be completed by Friday 19th June.**

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https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MSdNlHo_Zms

This is a song called "Hymn to the Rainforest". The hymn is in Italian. The words can be translated or you could listen and watch the video and think of your own words to match the music and the images. What do you think the message of the song is?

Additional learning resources parents may wish to engage with

The below are websites which are free or are offering free subscriptions during the period of school closures. Please use these to when looking for additional learning opportunities.

Classroom Secrets Learning Packs - These packs are split into different year groups and include activities linked to reading, writing, maths and practical ideas you can do around the home.

Twinkl - to access these resources click on the link and sign up using your own email address and creating your own password. Use the offer code UKTWINKLHELPS.

www.imoves.com/the-imovement - This website is full of quick blast and brain break activities.