

Learning for this term:	
English	Using our key text, <i>The Explorer</i> , we will write a factual narration inspired by David Attenborough and will conduct a debate about the ethics and sustainability of the use of palm oil. Children will also write diary entries inspired by the book.
Maths	We will be applying our mathematical skills to real-life scenarios through mathematical investigations. We will learn how to present our projects and proposals.
Science	We will learn about classification of living things, adaptations to environments and how this leads to variation and evolution.
Geography	We will learn about the location of the world's rainforests, as well as the human and physical geography involved: the layers, the climate, indigenous tribes and threats to the rainforests.
Religion & Worldviews	We will compare world religions with worldviews such as Agnosticism, Atheism and Humanism.
Computing	We will learn how to touch type, what networks are, what they do and how they connect devices as well as interpreting information and querying databases.
Music	We will have an introduction to the Blues and learn to perform songs using tuned percussion, keyboards and ukulele incorporating previous chords already learnt.
PE	In PE we will be learning to develop and apply athletic skills. We will be developing our passing and receiving skills and learning how to play modified rugby. 6MH will be learning to play modified games of lacrosse.
RHE/PSHE	We will learn about media bias, including social media and aspirations and goal setting.
Art	We will learn about Henri Rousseau and replicate his style of art using mixed media inspired by rainforests.

We will be reading:



We are planning the following activities:

- End of SATs treat
- Rainforest Day
- End of Year Production and Leavers' Disco

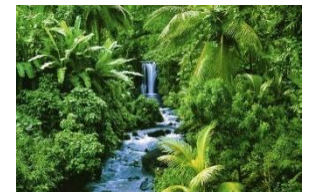
Dates for these will be sent out as soon as possible.

You can help at home by:

- Revising any areas of maths you are unsure of – CGP books or BBC Bitesize are good resources for this: [Year 6 Year 6 Maths - BBC Bitesize](#)
- Watch David Attenborough documentaries based on rainforests.
- Research rainforest animals and the different layers of the rainforest.
- Visit Tilgate Nature Centre to see some of the rainforest animals.
- Familiarise yourself with palm oil production and its uses.
- Find out about how climate change affects the rainforests.
- Completing activities from the topic homework list.

Important reminders:

- Children need to wear their PE kit on PE days (Mondays and Fridays). Please note, no earrings can be worn during PE or micropore tape must be supplied by parents, if within the first 6 weeks.
- Read with your child every day or encourage them to read independently.
- Encourage your child to use TTRockstars and complete the sessions set by the teacher. The children have 5 studio and 15 garage sessions to complete each week.
- Please also encourage your child to complete their spelling homework.
- Home-School diaries need to be in school every day.



Our Reading River Books



These books have been carefully chosen to be read by children in Year 6
Can you read them by the end of the year?



Catch A Classic

A reminder of "Catch A Classic" – an initiative designed to ignite a passion for timeless stories and celebrated authors.

Each year group is assigned a specific classic author, allowing students to explore stories that have shaped literature and inspired generations.

Year 6's author is...William Shakespeare



Books we recommend

To support our work this topic, we would highly recommend the following books, which can be borrowed from school or the public libraries if you don't have them at home:



Journey to the River Sea – Eva Ibbotson

An Amazon adventure set in the wilderness of Brazil, Journey to the River Sea is filled with mystery and memorable characters. It is 1910 and Maia, tragically orphaned at thirteen, has been sent from England to start a new life with distant relatives in Manaus, hundreds of miles up the Amazon. She is accompanied by an eccentric and mysterious governess who has secret reasons of her own for making the journey.

Both soon discover an exotic world bursting with new experiences in *Journey to the River Sea*, Eva Ibbotson's highly colourful, joyous adventure.