

Theme Overview

“Under the Canopy” is a thematic unit, based on the rainforest with a key focus on geography and history. Pupils are commissioned to work for a fictitious organisation called ‘Roots’ in helping two adopted children find out about their Mexican / Mayan heritage and, as a result, find out more about the rainforest.

Maths Links

Mayan Maths

Literacy Links

Adventure Stories
Persuasion

Art

Observational Drawing
Face and Body Painting

Science

Plants

Design Technology

Design a toy for a Tribal Child



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Drama

Exploring new places

Music

Rainforest Soundscapes

PSHE

Family Units
Connections
Keeping Safe

Computing

Use Scratch to explore inputs within programming



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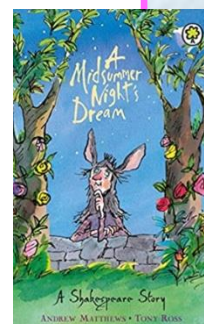
Other information

To encourage a love of reading and support our work in English, we are continuing to study at least one key book per term.

The book for this term will be the spellbinding adaptation of William Shakespeare's, *A Midsummer Night's Dream*.

As always, school has purchased copies of this book for the children to share, but if you do have a copy at home or would like to purchase a copy for your child to use in school, please feel free to do so.

Please make sure that your child's name is written in the front of the book before they bring it to school.



Home learning

Weekly Home Learning (Compulsory)

Reading: As always, we will be encouraging the children to **read** as often as possible. Please remember to sign your child's reading card (maximum once per day) in order for them to receive dojo rewards and for the chance to win books in our prize draws.

Spelling: To help them learn their weekly spellings, the children are expected to complete some activities on the Spelling Shed website each week. There will be a spelling test each Friday and certificates to be earned!

Maths: We will be continuing to have a focus on **times tables** to make sure that all children are able to recall the times tables up to 12 x 12 as well as the corresponding division facts. Each week, the children are expected to practise at home using '*Times Tables Rock Stars*' for at least 10 minutes- this is especially important for the Year 4's who will be completing their times table check this year.

Mr Horton has recently signed our school up to Maths.co.uk. Your child will be set a homework task each week to complete, each task will link to our current learning in class.

Creative Homework (Optional)

- Produce a shoebox model (diorama) of a rainforest scene.
- Write a poem about saving the rainforest.
- Write an imaginary story about the life of a child living in the rainforest.
- Make a set of 'Did you know?' cards about the rainforest.
- Compose and perform a rainforest dance for the class.