

Wow lesson to start topic

Have 'I'm a Celebrity' music playing when children come into classroom. Have Ant and Dec on board with a message and bush tucker trial boxes set out on table. Children have to take turns to put their hands into one of the boxes and guess what is inside. (All things that we get from rainforest). Once children have guessed they have to work out what their topic is.

Make a rainforest

Once children have worked out their topic, take them upstairs to Art room where they will work on art activities to make a rainforest area in the classroom.

- paint animals
- tissue paper butterflies
- snakes using tights
- spiders using pipe cleaners
- vines using tissue paper
- cut out different sized leaves
- crepe paper strips for the door
- paint the classroom window?

Geography

- locate rainforests on a map and google Earth
- locate equator
- use atlas to find information
- find out about layers of a rainforest
- who lives in a rainforest?
- what do we get from a rainforest?
- problems facing rainforests / deforestation etc.

Art

Use Henri Rousseau 'Tiger in a Tropical Storm' painting. Children to create their own collage based on the picture.
Paint pictures of animals and plants from the rainforest.
Forest picture using different techniques - printing, blow painting etc, see last year's plan.

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Need to speak to Catherine Ross about this.

Literacy

Stories from other cultures

- character descriptions
- retelling and creating own stories
- rainforest poems
- using speech in stories
- writing letters or character diaries

Persuasive writing

- Save the Rainforests poster
- writing a persuasive letter / article for a class book
- oral debates to show both sides of the argument

I'M A YEAR 5
GET ME OUT OF HERE!

Music

Learn rainforest songs and create accompaniments using tuned and un-tuned instruments.

Create a piece of music that reflects life in the rainforest. Layers in the Rainforest song.

PSHCE

Understand how what they do could have an effect on the Amazon rainforest. Know how they would do something to support the issue.

Science

Healthy Eating - link to diets of rainforest tribes? What food comes from the rainforest that we eat?

Maths

Data handling - rainfall in the Amazon compared to England. Plot rainfall on graphs.
Temperature lines graphs. Reading temperatures from thermometers.
Work out distances from here to various rainforests around the world.
Create own rainforest word problems using all four operations. Use these for display?

ICT

Use internet to research rainforest topic areas. Present ideas / findings using Publisher combining text and graphics.

Trip

Sunderland Winter Gardens to do the Explorers workshop and visit the rainforest exhibit. Try to arrange as soon as possible.