

Neasden Primary School
Year 5

Can we become the next protectors of the rainforest?

English	We will be using our English work to support our rainforest topic. First of all, we will be writing persuasive letters in order to gain support for the conservation of the rainforests, improving our letting writing and persuasive language skills. We will then move onto non-chronological reports on a rainforest we will study before ending with term with stories set in other cultures, such as the Amazon Rainforest.
Maths	During this term the children will be focusing on place value and the 4 operations. Children will learn the place value of numbers up to 1,000,000 along with negative numbers and rounding. Following this we will look at the 4 mathematical operations of addition, subtraction, multiplication and division, learning both formal written methods as well as improving our mental maths.
Science	We will use our science work to support our rainforest topic. The children will learn of the life cycles, habitats and reproduction of animals and plants that can be found in the rainforest and those of other animals too.
Geography	We will spend quite a lot of time looking at the geography skills on the curriculum this term. This will include locating, countries, continents and rainforests and their climates alongside discussing subjects such as deforestation and conservation.
Music	This term, children will develop an understanding of the history of music and will learn staff and non-standard notations. Children will also gain an appreciation of music from other cultures.
PE	Our main focus in P.E. this half term will be Table Tennis. We are lucky enough to be working with a visiting coach on this aspect of P.E. The other P.E. lesson each week will be based on Bench Ball as we will be preparing for some Bench Ball competitions.
Art	In art, children will research Henri Rousseau in preparation for designing and painting a rainforest scene. Children will then look at pointillism and sculpture in order to create animals for the foreground of their rainforest scene.