



Our work this half term will focus on all areas linked to our topic – rainforests! This topic will introduce children to rainforests around the world. We will be exploring what rainforests are, where they are located and the different layers of rainforests. We will be looking at life in the rainforests: the plants, animals and people who live there. We will also research the destruction of rainforests, the reasons for and against this and how we can prevent it. There are many areas that link in with this very nicely. Here are a few of them: observing and investigating plants and their functions; the effects of light on plant growth from the four layers of the rainforest; exploring the works of Henri Rousseau and his jungle paintings; and designing and making headdresses like the tribal people wear in the rainforests!

We will be using a variety of books to help us build on our knowledge of rainforests and also of Henri Rousseau including: *Where the Forest Meets the Sea*; *The Shaman's Apprentice*; *Rainforests*; *The Vanishing Rainforest*; *The Great Kapok Tree*; and *The Fantastic Jungles of Henri Rousseau*. If you have any books or items that you think link well with the topic please bring them in for us to share. Names on belongings, please! Thank you. 😊

Our homework task this term involves a creative/informative project based on the rainforest. Feel free to pick an area that interests you for your research and help create an interesting and detailed piece of homework. Here are a few ideas that you could base your project on: create a 'save the rainforest poster'; create a global map showing the location of different rainforests; label pictures of different rainforests with brief descriptions; create a PowerPoint or leaflet about the Amazon rainforest; design and make a rainforest model using natural materials; survival guide – include a kit list, dangerous animals to watch out for, health and safety instructions and a diagram of how to build a shelter with labels; write a detailed account of one of the rainforests including size, vegetation, animals, climate and population.

I am looking forward to your child presenting their project. I have been very impressed so far!

Homework is due in on the last Monday of this half term (12th February) that way we can share them all in plenty of time.

I would also like to remind you that our class assembly is coming up on **19th January**. Lines will be coming home for your child to learn soon. I look forward to seeing you all there.

Many thanks,

Miss Carter and the Year 3C team.