



Year 4 Rainforests

Why are the rainforests important and how do we protect them?

At Merridale, history, geography, art and design and technology are taught through a topic based approach which we call discover.

Geography

In this geography based unit, on rainforests, children will start by recapping their learning on countries and continents. They will then learn about climate zones around the world and biomes. Children will then learn what a rainforest is and use maps and atlases to locate where these are around the world. As well as this, they will look at the features of a rainforest. Children will then look at the country Brazil in more detail. They will be able to locate the continent Brazil is in as well as it's human and physical features. Using their knowledge of climate zones, from earlier on in this unit, children will identify the climate zone in Brazil. They will then learn about the Amazon river and its importance. Once the children have explored Brazil, they will then compare Brazil to previously studied countries (UK and Norway). Finally, at the end of the unit, children will develop an understanding of how humans affect the environment and what we can do to protect it,

Art and Design



Chris Gilmore and Mark Langham are famous sculptors who use cardboard. In this unit, children will use and sculpt cardboard to create a 3D rainforest.

They will use layers to create depth.

Find out about Gilmore and Langham here:



Art and Design



Milhazes is predominately a collage artist, layering different shapes to create abstract and geometric images. She was born in 1960, in Brazil. Milhazes uses bright colours and bold shapes. Much of her work is inspired by nature.

Find out about Milhaze here:



Share your learning!

Either bring your work into school and share it with your teacher and class or email it to the school office.

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Activities to complete at home

- ☐ Locate Brazil on a world map.
- ☐ Identify the human and physical features of Brazil.
- ☐ Draw the outline of Brazil.
- ☐ Research the climate zones of where members of your family are from or where you have been on holiday.
- ☐ Create a collage in the style of Milhazes.
- ☐ Create a sculpture of a rainforest.
- ☐ Draw a picture of a rainforest ensuring that you label the different layers.
- ☐ Research ways we can help the environment and create a poster.
- ☐ Research some key facts about the Amazon river.
- ☐ Through research, identify where rainforests are located around the world and label these on a world map.