



PURLEIGH COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL YEAR 3

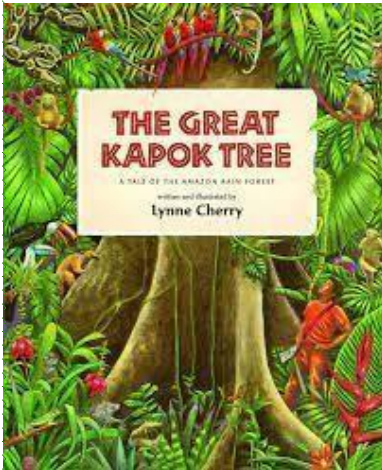
Summer Term 2026

This term our topic will be:



Rainforests and Rocks

Welcome to the summer term in Class 3. We will start this term by finding out about the rainforests and plants, then after half term it will be rocks. There will be many opportunities for cross-curricular activities (as you can see below) and we are looking forward to visiting Colchester Zoo at the beginning of June, to enhance our learning about the rainforest.



The Great Kapok Tree starts off our topic, introducing the creatures and plants of the rainforest, what they need to survive and how important rainforests are to us all.



Literacy Our Literacy work will include a variety of reading, writing and speaking and listening tasks using both fiction and non-fiction texts. Children will use persuasive devices, building up to writing a letter about why rainforests are important. They will research and write about rainforest creatures and write creative stories about life in the rainforest, focusing on the scene. Rainforests and rocks will provide some great opportunities and triggers for poetry and explanation texts. We will continue to work on building vocabulary and a range of sentence structures as well as key punctuation to include paragraphs, apostrophes and speech.

Maths In Maths, we will continue to build mental and written skills with addition and subtraction. Children will work regularly on learning times tables and explore the inverse with division. For fractions, we will be looking at equivalents, finding fractions of amounts and tenths, including decimals. Measures and bar chart activities will link with science but you can help at home by cooking/weighing, asking children to measure out liquids etc.

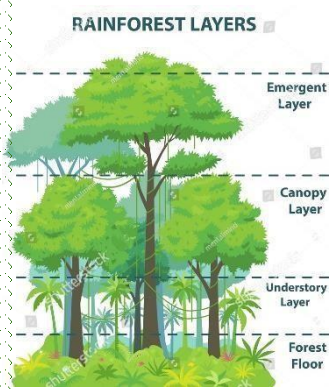
Science Plants and rocks will provide a super selection of information and activities to explore. The children will be growing plants, experimenting with them, what they need to survive and thrive, and finding out about their parts and what they do. Finding out about rocks, soils and fossils is always fascinating.



In **Art**, the children will be sketching, painting and creating montages and collages. The children will also use computers to display their work.

Children's **DT** will include creating a mechanism to make a firefly move!

Computing has the children working with branching databases especially using their rainforest animal knowledge. They will be continuing to develop their programming skills. Making a slide presentation and media art will also be explored. We will also continue revisit online safety regularly.



Geography has lots of opportunities within the topic of Rainforests including types of forests, layers of tropical rainforests and their physical features, the interdependence of humans and nature and the effects of deforestation. We will also look at how to use map keys and grid references locally.

Year 3's PE Days will be on Mondays & Wednesdays this term. The children will be working on cricket, athletics, dance, gymnastics and orienteering. Within these lessons, they will also be discussing how the body needs and uses food and oxygen for muscles and energy and how their body changes during exercise.

In **RE** this term, we will conclude our study of Judaism and then will be learning about what Christians learn from the creation story and how and why people try to make the world a better place.

In **Music** the children will be creating accompaniments for tunes, composing melodies and combining sounds to create a mood or feeling. They will also work on evaluating and improving their work.



Our **PSHE** will focus on health relationships including family, friendships and being a good global citizen. We will then move on to the topic 'Changing me' which includes learning about how babies grow and how our bodies change as we get older (NB: more detail will follow in advance of these sessions, in the second half of term).

Homework Please see the homework document. However, reading is the number one thing you can do to support your child, along with "little and often" practising the rapid recall of times tables and number bonds facts, in addition to spending a few minutes each day spelling practice (see sheets in reading record books).

Please contact us if you have any concerns or questions.

Mrs Shepherd and Mrs Crooks

