

Under the Canopy



Are you ready to discover the wonders of planet earth's trees, forests and woodlands? In Year 3 during the Autumn term, we shall be discovering the secrets and complexities of life under the canopy, perhaps even meeting the spirit of the forest herself! Trees have been on planet earth from the earliest of times and have inspired many stories and myths across the world. Through drama and the power of our imaginations we will become forest dwellers, inventing our own stories and finding out how communities can react to whatever comes their way. In real life we will journey along Hag Farm Road and visit Tropical World in order to survey, compare and contrast these different habitats. Does your child have what it takes to develop their knowledge of the world's great forests and woodlands, while using their skills to appreciate the beauty of the world around us and make the world a better place?





PE- Dance

Choreograph and learn the dance of the forest

Geography

Human and Physical Geography of the world's great forests, tropical biomes, the Amazon and local climate and environment

Compare what it is like where we live with the River Amazon, its Rainforest and people. Conduct fieldwork, read and create maps.

Science

Investigate plants, animals and magnets so that you have the 'lowdown' on all things forest dwellers need to know. Complete forest scientist 101—observe, collect, compare and describe, measure, classify and group.

Computing

Internet research and coding—find out all you can about life in the forest before you set up a rainforest simulation.

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Art/DT—Sewing

Design and sew a forest dweller's lavender bag for capturing the scents of the forest to please the spirit of the forest. Create leaf print flags.

PSHE—Me and Relationships

Recognise how neural pathways are created, develop grit and determination when facing a challenge. Understand and celebrate our own uniqueness.

Global Learning

Sustainability

Is it OK to chop down the Rainforest to build houses, roads and farms?

Drama

Become a forest dweller and work together to work together as a community

Trips and Enrichments

Explore Hag Farm Road and survey the area. Prepare for the tropics with a visit to Tropical World





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Outputs—some, but not all (there are too many to mention and some cannot be planned for!)

Become a forest dweller and learn about the ways of the woodland before meeting the spirit of the forest.

Design and make forest scent lavender bags to bring life to the forest and create leaf print flags.

Plan an enterprise event to buy and protect an acre of rainforest

Create your very own nature guide to the world's different trees and forests.

Design and investigate new seeds for dispersal across the forest.

Investigate the life cycle of plants, harvest plums from our plum trees and make mini plum pies (yum, yum!).





Further Adventures in the Autumn term

English coverage

Quality texts: Spirit of the Forest—tree tales from around the World by Helen East; The Great Kapok Tree by Lynne Cherry; The Giving Tree - Shell Silvestri; Poetry - Coming Home by Michael Morpurgo; Where the Forest Meets the Sea by Jeannie Baker

Writing opportunities: Legends of the forest; non-chronological report posters; a range of poetry; instructional writing - recipes for herbal medicine.

Curriculum: spelling prefixes and suffixes; identifying root words; conjunctions and extending sentences; homophones story planning and paragraphs; discuss themes in a range of texts; re-tell stories; find and write down key information

Maths Coverage

Place value, ordering and rounding; counting on from any given number; addition and subtraction strategies; written methods for addition and subtraction; measure using metric measurements; reasoning with the number concepts we are working with; problems solving; extended number investigations including working methodically

French

Greetings, numbers, basic classroom instructions, introducing yourself and 'Joyeux Noel'

Music: Recorders To know what a recorder is. Experiment making sounds. Use tongue to make clear consistent notes. Play and perform in solo and ensemble contexts, using voices and instruments with increasing accuracy,

RE

Introduction to Sikhism. What is the Amrit ceremony? How is community and belonging important to Sikhs.

How and why do Christians celebrate Christmas? What is a Mexican Posada and what has it got to do with Christmas?

PE

Hockey and multi-sports games





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At home you could talk about:

The climate and physical environment of Burley in Wharfedale and the Yorkshire Dales

Great forest biomes such as the boreal forest (Taiga) and tropical rainforests of the world. How is life there different to life in Burley?

How do people live there?



You could go on an adventure to

Otley Chevin, Malham Cove, and Bolton Abbey and talk about the physical environment including rivers, woodland and limestone scenery

Visit the library to find books about the local area and forests and woodlands

Salt's Mill to see Hockney's trees of the Yorkshire Wolds



At home you could:

Paint or draw pictures of woodland trees and compare them to pictures of trees you could find in the Amazon.

Visit the woods and collect leaves, and seeds and use a book to identify the species of tree

Use the BBC weather app to look at the temperature of places in the boreal forest or the Amazon rainforest

You could write:

Fact files about a part of the Amazon or great forests of the world.
An adventure story about a journey down a river into a woodland or tropical rainforest.

A postcard from the forest
An A - Z of West Yorkshire or the
Questions for a child living in the Amazon Rainforest

You could read:

Books about the local area or about the forest
Atlases and maps of the local area and of the world's forests.
Myths and legends about forests:
Spirit of the Forest by Helen East
Non-fiction books about trees and nature—eg Usborne Nature-trail—Trees

You could watch and play:

Disney's Ferngully—the last Rainforest.

The Octonauts—they have many great adventures and visit the Amazon rainforest.

Planet Earth—Seasonal forests

