

## Topics this Half-Term

Our learning this term will be based around our core story which is set in a rainforest and addresses the issue of environmental threat to the rainforest and its residents.

In **Science** we will be learning about **Living Things and their Habitats**. We will learn how to classify a variety of creatures. We will also be thinking about how to look after the environment so that these creatures can thrive.

In **Art and DT** we will be colour mixing, investigating different brush techniques and printing methods as we create some beautiful artwork based on our exploration of the rainforest and the animals that live there.

### Computing/music

To support our learning about the rainforest, we will be making our own powerpoint presentations to communicate interesting facts that we have discovered.

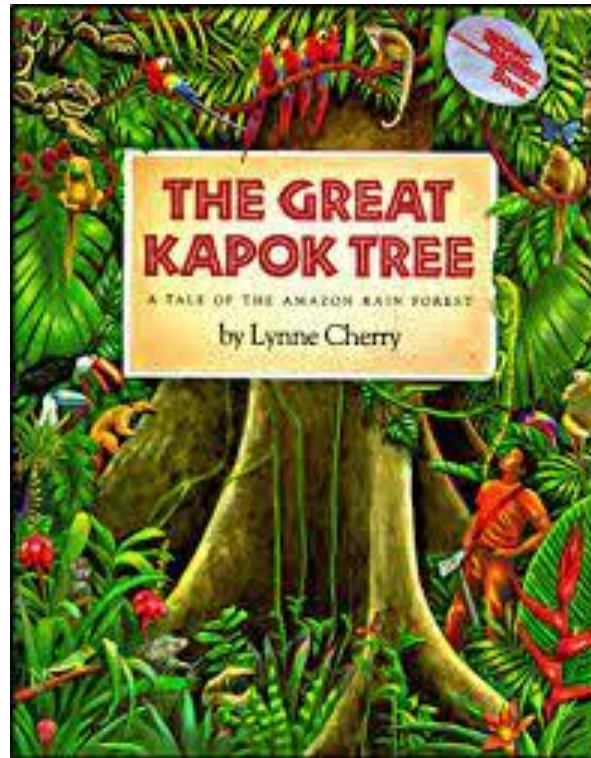
We will also be listening to and learning about **Saint-Saens' Carnival of the Animals** and having a go at creating our own piece of music to reflect the rainforest creatures.

In **PE** we will be practising core skills – running, jumping, landing and working on our football control.

SRB Overview  
Autumn 1 2023

Our core story this term is:

## The Great Kapok Tree by Lynne Cherry



**We do ask that you support your child with regular reading at home. This is an important part of our collaboration with you during your child's placement at the SRB.**

## English Key Skills

- Individual phonics, spelling and reading practice
- Responding to a text and its illustrations – with drama, music and writing
- Understanding how characters in a story might feel and acting in role
- Dramatizing and bringing to performance
- In our writing, expanding our range of tools to include question and exclamation marks, similes and metaphors.
- Identifying and spelling some suffixes and prefixes
- writing a presentation letter to persuade

**Maths** – Children will have regular practice working on their individual targets. These are our two focus topics this half term:

### Number Place and Value

Counting

Comparing

Ordering

Reading, writing and representing numbers

### Addition and Subtraction

Mental addition and subtraction

Inverse operations

Missing number problems

Formal methods