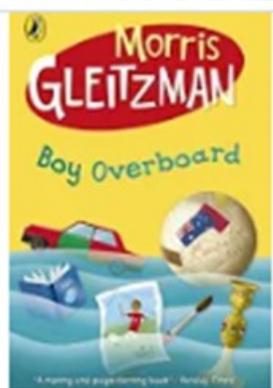
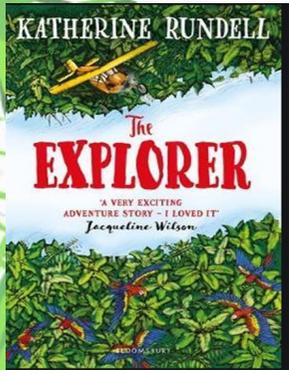


## Key Texts English /Whole Class Reading



**Our Learning Journey is...  
Into the Wilderness**



**Homework— Please return by Tuesday 12th  
January 2021**

Suggested books which you could read:

Journey to the River Sea by Eva Ibbotson

The Jungle Book by Rudyard Kipling

Just-so Stories by Rudyard Kipling

The Great Kapok Tree by Lynne Cherry

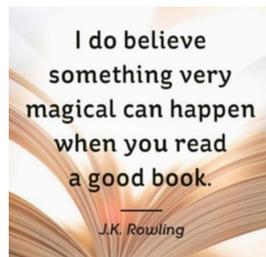
The Vanishing Forest by Rich-ard Platt & Rupert van Wyk

One Day on our Blue Planet: In the Rainforest by Ella Bailey

The Shaman's Apprentice by Lynne Cherry & Mark Plotkin

Running Wild by Michael Morpurgo

Where the Forest meets the Sea by Jeannie Bader



**Select from one of the following tasks:** Research Rainforests around the world and create a fascinating facts sheet for display. Read a book/s from the suggested book list above. Write a summary to persuade someone to read it.

Create a 3D Rainforest scene.

**Year 4  
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## Some of the questions we hope to answer this term are:

- What is an ecosystem?
- Why are rainforests so important?
- How do they fulfil the needs of human beings?
- Why is it essential for us to use the rainforest ecosystem responsibly?
- How does the ecosystem affect climate change? (global warming)

### Key vocabulary

Ecosystem, tribes, deforestation, timber, tropical, temperate, vines, species, climate, plantations, colony, canopy, emergent layer, understory, camouflage, indigenous, humid, equatorial, preservation, sustainability.

### Key Knowledge

Children will use maps, atlases, globes and digital/computer mapping to locate countries and describe features studied. They will describe and understand key aspects of human geography, including: types of settlement and land use. The main focus will be on Rainforests.

Children will identify the position and significance of latitude, longitude, Equator, Northern Hemisphere, Southern Hemisphere, the Tropics of Cancer and Capricorn. They will engage in virtual field trips to Rainforests.

See Recommended Reading section. Research the areas within the websites.

Please help enhance and develop your child's knowledge as we will have a quiz when children return to school.

## Recommended Reading

Reading Key Texts, visit and read websites about rainforests around the world:

<https://www.dkfindout.com/uk/animals-and-nature/habitats-and-ecosystems/>

You could watch the Jungle book and documentaries on Rainforests.

[https://www.natgeokids.com/uk/?s=rainforests&post\\_type=](https://www.natgeokids.com/uk/?s=rainforests&post_type=)

<https://www.rainforest-alliance.org/uk>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zRB4q19wc04>

### Optional Topic Practical Activities /Places to go

Have fun planting vegetables and flowers.

Go for a walk in the forest, taking note of nature around you.

### Can you help?

If you know anyone who would like to share their experience of visiting Rainforests around the world, please let us know. They may share this virtually on TEAMS or speak to your child, who can feed-back to our classes.



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to help you learn your times tables to 12 x 12

You will have weekly multiplication tests and you must recall them at speed.