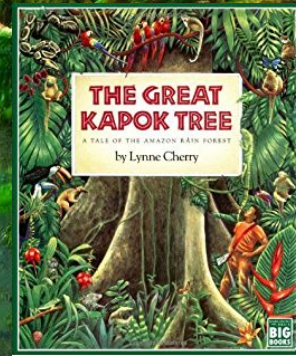
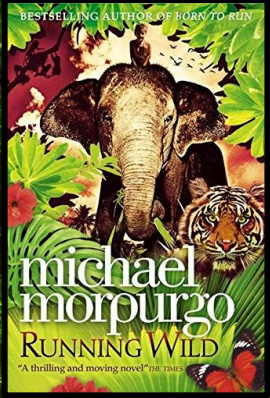


Year 4 Topic Leaflet Spring 1 Habitats



In this global topic, we will be learning about how biomes are areas of our planet with similar climates, landscapes, animals and plants. In English, we will be reading “Running Wild” by Michael Morpurgo. This adventure story will inspire the writing of our own jungle themed science-fiction adventure narratives. In Art, we will be using our sketchbooks to plan and develop our ideas for creating a rainforest-themed collage inspired by Henri Rousseau and Melanie Hava. We will also learn about perspective within art and apply our knowledge to create a coloured drawing showing objects in the foreground. With Geography at the heart of this topic, the children will be introduced to the technical understanding that biomes are a way to divide the Earth’s surface. We will look at how these divisions are based on climate patterns, soil types and the animals and plants that inhabit an area, and we will investigate the health of these biomes and the human effect on them. We will also find out about different rivers around the world and the water cycle.

English	Fiction: 'Running Wild' By Michael Morpurgo and 'The Great Kapok Tree' - Lynne Cherry Poetry: Rap Poetry Writing: Report writing, Science write up, Narrative: Science-fiction Adventure Class Reader(s): 'Running Wild' By Michael Morpurgo		
Science	Environment: Plants and Animals Food Chains	Maths	Number: Multiplication & Division Time Statistics: Data Handling Fractions and Decimals
Geography	Biomes Rivers: Nile, Amazon and the Stour Northern and Southern Hemispheres	Art	Fauvist style rainforest and desert scenes, including plants Artists: Matisse / Melanie Hava / Jackson Pollock
History	Not this half term	RE	Judaism: How special is the relationship Jews have with God?
Computing	Animation	PSHE	Heartsmart: Too Much Selfie Isn't Healthy!
DT	Not this half term	PE	Indoor - Dance Outdoor - Hockey
Music	Read and play music using notation	French	Birthdays (Les Anniversaires)
Home Learning	Must Dos: Reading 3 times a week, times table, spellings and home learning. Optional 'Extras': Learn about your favourite animals' climate, Research palm oil and look at what companies use palm oil. Enjoy a nice walk along a local river.		