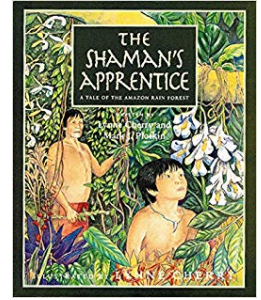
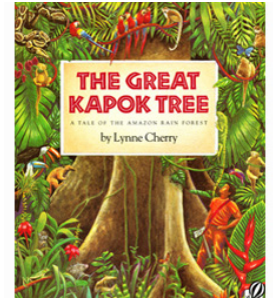


## Class 4 Mrs Bearman

**ENGLISH:** We will begin by looking at stories from the same author using 'The Great Kapok Tree' and 'The Shaman's Apprentice' by Lynne Cherry. Our use of adverbs, fronted adverbials and subordinating conjunctions will be developed, in addition to possessive apostrophes and contractions. We will develop our understanding of conflicting characters through role play and text maps before writing our own story about a rainforest settler. Afterwards, we will look at persuasive writing using the texts 'Where the Forest Meets the Sea' and 'The Vanishing Rainforest'. We will plan our own campaign and persuasive debate through role play and drama.



**MATHS:** We will begin the term by looking at place value in relation to mental maths and different skills and strategies to use efficiently. This will enable us to consolidate our understanding of longer addition and subtraction calculations and single step problem solving. As we move towards Easter we will be focusing on the measurement of time involving both the 12 and 24 hour clock and position and direction using both co-ordinates and translations. As always, multiplication tables will be top of our list of priorities and we will be practising them regularly and we will end the half term looking at multiplication and division strategies in longer calculations.



**SCIENCE/HUMANITIES:** We will be learning about Rainforests and the effects of deforestation. Following our Science week investigations into the layers of the oceans, we will be investigating the different layers of the rainforest and the animals and settlements that can be found there, in addition to issues surrounding climate. We will be thinking about the meaning of biodiversity in relation to coral reefs and the rainforests and ending with the importance of birds in the ecosystem. In RE we will be learning about the Easter story.



**ART/DT:** We will be learning how to draw some animals from the rainforest before studying the work of Henri Rousseau and his jungle scenes. In DT we will be designing, making and evaluating a rainforest beanbag before presenting all of our understanding about Rainforests from our Topic and English lessons in an information book with moving parts.