

# AMERICA AND THE RAINFOREST

Welcome back after a great Summer holiday! Firstly, could I take this opportunity to say how excited I am to be teaching year 5 and 6 this year! I have so many fun learning activities for you all to do! Looking at our new timetable, can I also remind everyone that your child will have swimming on a Wednesday (for 10 weeks) and P.E on a Friday afternoon and will require their kit for both days. Also, your child will bring home their reading book and journal every night for you to sign that you have heard them read. The children are very keen to participate in this, due to the fact that one random journal is picked every morning and table points are awarded!

Exciting news!!!! This term our new topic is The Americas and the Rainforest. We will begin learning about

- A shoebox model of the rainforest
  - A poster with lift the flap facts/cards
  - A board game or bookmark for others to use
  - Make a rainforest or any habitat for rainforest animals
  - A world map showing lines of longitude and latitude to include the tropics of cancer and Capricorn.
  - A shaped book (could be in the shape of a native American, dream catcher or totem pole?)
  - A catalogue page: what would you find back when the native Americans fought the "Cowboys?)"? How much would it cost? How many would be available? (Looking at the Argos catalogue may help)
  - A PowerPoint presentation
  - An information table in Microsoft word giving facts about different native American tribes/ rainforest or different states within America.
- The following websites all have links to activities and things to make relating to our topic of America.

[http://www.ducksters.com/history/native\\_americans.php](http://www.ducksters.com/history/native_americans.php)

<http://www.historyforkids.net/native-americans.html>

<http://www.mrdonn.org/nativeamericans.html>

You may have your own ideas that you want to use, which is fine! There will be a prize for the most unique, innovative offering! Please make sure your topic project is handed in by Friday before October half term.

Happy Making

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