

KEY VOCABULARY

Amazon Basin	The part of South America drained by the Amazon River and its tributaries
tropical	A hot, moist biome found near Earth's equator.
rainforest	A tall dense jungle. An eco-system.
climate	The statistics of weather over an extended period of time
deforestation	The clearing of a forest for non-forest use.
biome	A community of plants and animals that have common characteristics for the environment they live in.
stigma	Female part of the flowering plant
metamorphosis	A complete change made by some living things. (e.g. a caterpillar changing into a butterfly)
germination	The development of the seed when roots and shoots grow from it.
pollination	The fertilization of a plant with pollen.
stamen	Male part of the flowering plant

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We have another jam packed half term ahead with lots of new and exciting topics, in addition to our residential trip to Tower Wood! PE this half term will take place on Friday mornings. Please ensure the children have their Sherwood white t-shirts and blue shorts available to wear.

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate in speaking to Mr Stanton or Mrs Holt before or after School or alternatively send us an email to Year5@sherwood.lancs.sch.uk.

KEY KNOWLEDGE

This term the children will be following the following topics:

Science – In our Science lessons, we will build upon the children's understanding of life cycles and plants, which they began in Years 2 and 3. They will increase their technical vocabulary and be able to clearly explain germination, pollination and metamorphosis.

Geography – Across this half term, we will study the Amazon Basin with a focus on human geography. We will be understanding the physical geographical features such as location, climate and biomes and comparing this with our local environment.

THIS HALF TERM WE ARE READING

Linked with our Geography topic this half term, we will be writing stories set in the rainforest, based around our class text, 'The Explorer' by Katherine Rundell.

Please could you continue to encourage your child to read regularly? The children still need to read to an adult to help with comprehension skills but can also read independently to broaden their vocabulary. Each time they read, please note progress in their homework diaries.

SPELLING FOCUS

rule/suffix	examples
'sc' making the /s/ sound	science, scissors, scent
-ent, -ence, -ency, -ant, -ance,	accident, difference, transparency, relevant, nuisance,
-able, -ible	miserable, edible
ough	tough, ought, cough, though,
silent letters	doubt, muscle, gnarl

KEY MATHS SKILLS

This half term the children will be developing their skills in the following maths units:

- Place value
- Measurement and statistics
- Geometry
- Addition and Subtraction
- Multiplication

We will continue to focus on the speed of multiplication recall. This skill is imperative to enable the children to access the rest of the curriculum. Please encourage your child to practise at home.