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The Amazing Amazon Year 3/4 Topic Spring 2026

As part of our topic, 'The Amazing Amazon, Years 3 and 4 have some exciting events happening.

Tuesday 20th January – Drusillas Zoo Park Coach Trip



We are planning our first trip of the year and will be visiting Drusillas Zoo Park on **Tuesday 20th January**. This valuable educational visit will provide the children with a greater understanding of animals found in the Amazon and their habitat. The trip will involve visiting Drusillas and seeing their many animals, and taking part in a tropical rainforest workshop. The trip will help to bring the Amazon closer to us and provide the children with a memorable learning experience to enhance their understanding of this topic.

We will need to set off at 9:10am sharp and would ask that all children are in school by **8:50am** at the latest please. We will arrive back towards the end of the school day. Children will need a packed lunch as we are off site so please **DO NOT ORDER A HOT SCHOOL MEAL**. Children are also encouraged to bring water bottles and a piece of fruit from home for a snack. The children will need a rucksack to carry their lunch, water bottle and snack. We will not have a space to leave our lunch boxes anywhere, so the children will need to carry their bags all day. A plastic bag will not be suitable for this as they will be needing to use both hands throughout the day. We will be wearing full school uniform for this trip, but please bring a sensible coat and wear sturdy footwear as part of the day will be outside.

If your child suffers from travel sickness, please obtain a form from the school office, and hand completed form and medication to your child's teacher on the morning of the trip.

The children **do not need to bring any money** with them as we will not be visiting the gift shop on site.

Thursday 26th February – WOW Day

To celebrate our topic, we will be holding a WOW Day on **Thursday 26th February**. We would like the children to come dressed as explorers or tropical rainforest animals – parrots, butterflies, snakes etc – if they can. We have included some photos for costume ideas over the page. On the day, the children will take part in a dance workshop, a music workshop, and will also engage in fun art and craft activities.





Guile's Reptiles – Tuesday 24th March



We will welcome Guile's Reptiles to our school on **Tuesday 24th March**. The children will meet some of the animals they might encounter in the Rainforest and will get an opportunity to handle them as well. Guile's Reptiles specialise in providing unique, fun and educational exotic animal encounter sessions. We cannot wait to welcome them into our school.

Cost Breakdown

To help towards covering the subsidised cost which includes the Drusillas workshops, coach travel, insurance, Wow Day workshops and craft materials, Guile's Reptiles, and other topic related events throughout the term, we would ask for a voluntary contribution of **£29.00** per child.

Visits and visitors really enhance the curriculum of the children and we would love all the children to be able to participate. Payment can be made via your child's ParentPay account which has been set up to accept instalments. Sadly, if insufficient contributions are received to help towards the cost of the topic, we may have to cancel some or all of the events. If you have any difficulty with making a contribution towards this, please see your child's teacher or Mr Andrews in confidence.



We would also like to say a huge THANK YOU to FUBS who have contributed towards this topic in order to keep the costs down for parents.

Kind Regards,
Mrs Stringer, Mr Marsh and Mr Hughes