



HABITATS

EXPLORING THE NATURAL WORLD

KEY STAGE 1 & 2

Exploring the human –
nature relationship and
finding ways to build a more
balanced future

Aims and Objectives

Pupils will practise skills of critical thinking & questioning, deep listening and empathy building by engaging in a wide range of learning stimulus, discussion ideas and creative exercises. Lessons in this topic will examine some of the issues surrounding habitat loss because of human behaviour.

Pupils will explore and connect with some of the creatures and people living in the rainforest, exploring creative and empathic engagement to feel connected. They will learn about some of the threats to the natural world and think about how this might impact both living and non-living beings. They will engage with some of the wildlife closer to home and think about ways to live more harmoniously with nature in our local area.

Questions explored:

- Who lives in the Amazon Rainforest?
- What are some of their habits and habitats?
- What are some of the threats to the rainforest?
- What impact does human activity have on inhabitants of an area?
- Who are the people living in the forest?
- What can we learn from indigenous communities about how to live more harmoniously with nature?
- What actions can we take in our local communities to protect natural spaces?

Contents of the topic

A downloadable box of lesson plans for KS1&2, with each week offering a 60 minute lesson on the following:

WEEK 1 | Who else lives here?

WEEK 2 | Changing lands

WEEK 3 | Sharing space

WEEK 4 | Sustainable dwellings



Dormouse's Wobbly Tree

A THOUGHTBOX STORY



Key Stage 1: Our KS1 curriculum is all based around animal stories. Each of our topics is explored through a bespoke picture-book story at the beginning of each lesson, engaging children in some of the key themes and ideas of the topic in simple, accessible and exciting ways. All of the stories contain non-human creatures as the central characters and engage children in learning about wider social issues through metaphor, symbols and themed narratives. Lessons develop key skills of discussion, active listening, critical thinking, empathy building and global citizenship.

Key Stage 2: Our KS2 curriculum follows a similar structure to KS1, with each topic starting with a short video or activity (whereas KS1 lessons all start with a story). All KS1 and KS2 topics contain four separate 1-hour lesson plans exploring a range of activities to help pupils to engage, understand, explore perspectives and feel empowered about the topic.

Each ThoughtBox topic comes with a scheme of work which links to PSHE and SMSC learning objectives as well as wider learning objectives within key National Curriculum subjects.

STORY SUMMARY: One day, Dormouse is rudely awoken from her napping by her tree being chopped down and her home destroyed. Join Dormouse and Beaver on a journey of exploration, excitement and wobbly-tree-tipping adventures as she tries to save the hidden inhabitants of the woodland treetops... before it's too late!