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Topic	Rainforests-Mayans	Year Group	4	Term 2
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Subject Focus:	History and geography
<p>Rationale: We will be using the fiction book "Where the forest meets the sea" and "100 facts Rainforests" this term to write our own non-chronological reports on the Amazon rainforest and the Mayan civilization.</p> <p>We will be looking at what lives in the rainforest and understanding the impact the Mayans had.</p> <p>We will be using mod-roc to create our own traditional Mayan mask.</p>	

The key vocabulary that will be taught in this topic:
Bio-diversity, species, survival, deadliest, vegetation, tropics, unique, emergent, towering, temperate, undergrowth, habitat

Key knowledge that will be taught in this topic:
Where the rainforests of the world are situated to understand the equator, tropics of Capricorn and Cancer.
The different layers of the rainforest and which animals and plants survive best in each layer.
Animal and plant adaptation to increase chances of species survival.
How to successfully classify animals and plants.
The history of the Mayan civilization.
The history behind the finding of chocolate.

Opportunities for home learning:

- National geographic episodes about Rainforests
- Kew gardens visit to experience the Amazon rainforest greenhouse.
- Chocolate -drinking, cooking, eating.