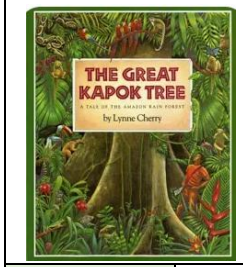
St John Fisher RC Primary School
Year Four Knowledge Organiser – Autumn Term Two – English Reading and Writing



Quality Text and Author: The Great Kapok Tree by Lynne Cherry

Plot: A man enters the Amazon rainforest with an axe because he wants to chop down a giant kapok tree. He becomes tired while working, so he lies down and falls asleep at the foot of the tree. While the man is asleep, different rainforest animals and a child visit him. They whisper in his ear and explain why the tree is important. The animals tell him that the tree provides food and shelter, produces oxygen and is home to many living creatures. They also explain that cutting down trees harms the rainforest and its wildlife. When the man wakes up, he looks at the magnificent tree and thinks about what the animals have told him. He decides not to chop it down. He puts down his axe and walks away, leaving the great kapok tree standing.

Final Outcome – First person setting description of the Rainforest
Reason – to produce a narrative to read to class
Audience – classmates/children
Features – story sequence, character, conflict,
Tone – to persuade

Story Path: Plot Points

1. Entering the Rainforest → 2. The Giant Kapok Tree → 3. The Animals of the Rainforest → 4. The Rainforest Worth Protecting

Themes	Wonder Mystery	Power Nature	Interdependence Conservation	Respect Responsibility
Vocabulary	Canopy Undergrowth Foliage	Colossal Ancient Gnarled	Ecosystem Vibrant Scurried	Sanctuary Wilderness Harmony
Features	Paragraphs Imagery	Paragraphs Imagery	Paragraphs Imagery	Paragraphs Imagery
Grammar	Expanded noun phrases Dialogue	Expanded noun phrases Dialogue	Expanded noun phrases Dialogue	Expanded noun phrases Dialogue