

Our Learning Keys

Reading Skills

Fiction - The Shaman's Apprentice, Lynne Cherry

Year 3
Autumn 2



Questions

- What are shamans and what is an apprentice?
- How are the lives of the Tirio people different from and similar to ours?
- What do we feel about the miners? The missionaries? The ecologists?
- What can we learn about modern medicine and where it has come from?



Blurb and main themes

In a Tirio village deep in the heart of the Amazon rain forest, the shaman Nahtahlah has a place of honour in his tribe. Young Kamanya wants to learn the healing secrets of the forest plants--he hopes that he, too, will become the tribe's shaman, so that he can cure his people.

This story teaches us about the lives of tribal people in the Amazon and how their lives are affected by visitors to their lands. We also read the children The Vanishing Rainforest by Lynne Cherry, which also studies the effect of deforestation and habitat loss on the tribespeople of the Amazon.



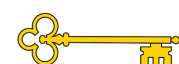
Links

- Geography - different cultures and contrasting localities
- PSHE - conservation of habitats
- Drama
- Writing in role
- Geography - life in the Amazon
- Geography - tribal life



Vocabulary

shaman	apprentice
medicine	disease
rainforest	tribe
heal	fever
chanting	missionaries
wisdom	miners
illness	canoe
religion	pills
malaria	gods
honour	forest-people
chief	cure
handbook	benefit

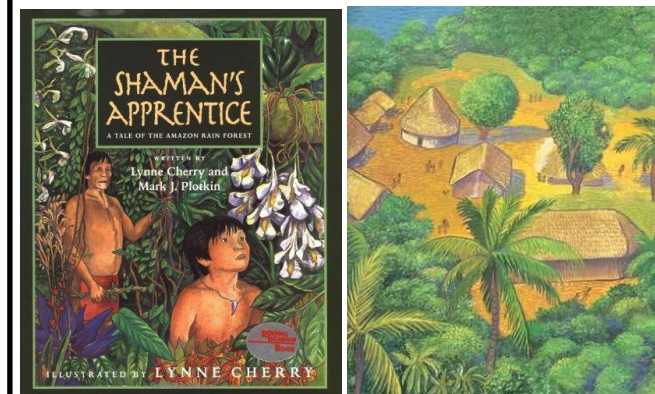
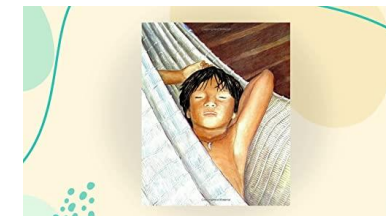


Reading Skills

- To enjoy a story and understand its meanings
- To understand the themes of the text and make links to other, similar texts
- To understand the meaning of new vocabulary and broaden the children's vocabulary
- Make inferences and justify using evidence from the text
- Predict what might happen using details stated and implied
- Identify how meaning is enhanced through the choice of words and phrases
- Retrieve and record key information
- Summarise the main ideas from more than one paragraph



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