

Week commencing 11 May Year 4

Extracts from The Great Kapok Tree

A bright and small tree frog crawled along the leaf. In a squeaky voice he piped in the man's ear: "Senhor, a ruined rain forest means ruined lives ... many ruined lives. You will leave many of us homeless if you chop down this great Kapok tree."

A jaguar had been sleeping along a branch in the middle of the tree. Because his spotted coat blended into the dappled light and shadows of the understory, no one had noticed him. Now he leapt down and padded silently over to the sleeping man. He growled in his ear: "Senhor, the Kapok tree is home to many birds and animals. If you cut it down, where will I find my dinner?"

Q1. According to the green frog, what will happen to the animals in the rainforest if they chop down the tree?

Q2. Why had no one noticed the jaguar?

Q3. Find and copy the word which tells us that the jaguar moved without a sound. What type of word is it? (noun, adjective, verb or adverb)

Q4. Why is the jaguar concerned about the man chopping down the rainforest?

Q5. What do you think the man will do and why?

Word Work: Use a dictionary to look up the meaning of 'blended'. Can you think of any synonyms for this verb?