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TIME CAN BE A DIFFICULT THING FOR US TO FREELY GIVE, WHICH IS WHY IT IS SUCH A GENEROUS WAY OF BEING KIND.

The Learning Rainforest – Tom Sherrington

I love a good metaphor! SO do you want your school to be a beautiful eclectic mix of woodland trees, each bringing their own brilliance and difference or a plantation of sameness ... where one disease will

bring them tumbling down? It is worth giving time to this read, in fact it would be a beautiful ponderous book to dwell on through the holidays now that you are up to date with traditional schoolwork! Tom is a science teacher and his book explores the science and art of teaching within the context of REAL classrooms. Give yourself the gift of time to reflect on your own pedagogy as you uncover the wisdom of this book.

A THOUGHT FOR YOUR STUDENTS ...

Invite a small group of students to your classroom at break or lunch. Provide a snack if it fits your policy. Use the students as your market research – ask them what activities they've enjoyed most in your classroom, what they would like more of next term, how things could be improved. Give them a small A5 certificate at the end of the session for being in your learning focus group #proudtobevalued

Students will value being chosen and having time with you and you will learn loads from them if you are not defensive 😊

