

UU Topic: *RAINFORESTS* Autumn Term 2025

Key Vocabulary

Challenge: To know what each of these words mean.

- Rainforest
- Forest floor
- Understorey
- Canopy
- Deforestation
- Habitats
- Emergent layer
- Sustainability
- Jungle
- Amazon basin
- Oxygen/carbon dioxide
- Fairtrade
- Species
- Kapok



Did you know?

- Rainforests are warm and have a lot of rainfall.
- They are the world's oldest natural habitat.
- The rainforest is divided into layers.
- More than a million species of plants and animals live in the Amazon alone.
- That 2000 trees are cut down every minute



key questions:

Where are the world's Rainforests?

Why do some people choose to live there?

What is produced in the Rainforests?

How and why are the Rainforests being destroyed?

Can you name any creatures whose natural habitat is the Rainforest?

What is special about the Amazon River?

Why are our rainforests so important to the rest of the world?



Challenge tasks: We will be thinking about endangered animals and ways in which we can protect the rainforest from being destroyed. Investigate this and design/create a poster. You could do this using ICT or art materials. There are many creatures that live in the rainforests. Research them and then choose your favourite to write a report on. What does it eat? What does it look like? Which layer of the rainforest does it live in? etc. You could include pictures, photos or even interesting fact boxes. <http://www.rainforestanimals.net/> You could use the website above or use library books.

We would like you to be able to:

- Explain what a rainforest is.
- Locate some of the world's major rainforests on a world map
- Talk about how rainforests are characterised by extremely high rainfall.
- Describe the weather and climate of rainforests around the world.
- Name some of the ways in which rainforests are used by humans listing some of the natural resources of the rainforest such as medicines, cocoa, etc
- Explain the different layers of the rainforest and the name the creatures that live there.
- Discuss reasons for deforestation and explain why rainforests are vital for the whole world.



Key Texts:

The Enormous Crocodile and The Minpins by Roald Dahl.
The Great Kapok Tree, "Where The Forest Meets The Sea", Jeannie Baker.
"Bloomin Rainforests", Anita Ganeri.
"Deep in a Rainforest", Veronica Jeffries.

Places to visit:

Stratford Butterfly Farm
Eden Project
Cadbury World (Aztec and rainforest area)
Online: National geographic
[15 rainforest facts | National Geographic Kids \(natgeokids.com\)](#)
[Rainforest Information for Kids \(mongabay.com\)](#)



Jungle Art:
Henri Rousseau
'Tiger in a Tropical Storm'



Our vertical Driver: The Environment and our place in the World.
Our school value: Perseverance.



