

Year 4 Autumn Term – Geography – Why are the Rainforests important to us?

Key Knowledge

- Understand what a biome is.
- Find the location and features of a rainforest.
- Describe the different layers of the rainforest.
- Understand the lives of indigenous people.
- To explain why the rainforests important.
- To explain what are the threats to the rainforest.

Key Skills

- Use maps, atlases, globes and digital mapping to locate and describe places.
- To use fieldwork to observe, measure and record human and physical features of a local park, such as sketch maps, questionnaires and charts.
- To present findings of field work.

Do you remember learning?

Using maps to locate different places, continents and oceans?

Finding out about human and physical differences in places such as Kenya and Lagos?

Finding the main features of Felpham?

Key Vocabulary



Biome	An area of the world with a similar climate and landscape, where similar plants and animals live.
Global warming	When our Earth's temperature rises because of greenhouse gases.
Mining	The process of digging up valuable minerals from the Earth's crust.
Logging	The cutting down of trees for their wood.
Deforestation	The cutting down of trees in a large area.
Emergent Layer	The top layer of the rainforest with the tallest trees that get lots of sunlight, rain and wind.
Canopy Layer	The layer of overlapping branches and leaves below the top of the rainforest that gets sunlight and rain and wind.
Understory Layer	The warm and damp layer above the forest floor that gets little light.
Forest floor	The ground layer of the rainforest where it is dark, wet and hot.