
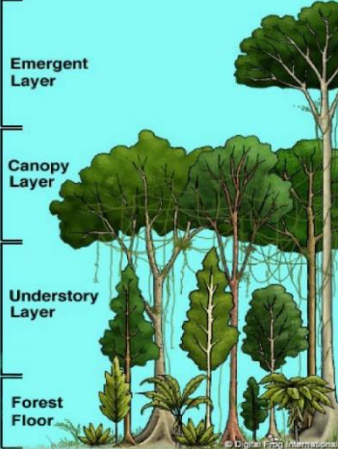





# Saving the Rainforest – Knowledge Organiser

## St Gregory's Catholic Primary School – Year 5



Key Vocabulary		Locational and place knowledge	Human and physical geography
<b>rainforest</b>	A tropical woodland (with tall, densely growing trees) with a high annual rainfall.	<p>The <b>Amazon Rainforest</b> is located in 9 different countries: Brazil (60% of it is here), Peru, Columbia, Ecuador, Bolivia, Venezuela, Guyana, Suriname and French Guiana.</p> <p>These countries are all located in the continent <b>South America</b>.</p> 	<p>The world's rainforests are full of natural <b>physical features</b>. The <b>4 layers of the rainforest</b> are:</p>  <p>Different groups of animals live within the different layers because of their differing exposure to sunlight.</p> <p>Because of their close proximity to the <b>equator</b>, the climate of the world's rainforests is very <b>hot, humid and wet</b>. A tropical rainforest experiences a significant amount of rainfall each year.</p>
<b>equator</b>	An imaginary circle around Earth that divides Earth into 2 equal parts: the Northern and Southern Hemisphere.		
<b>tropical climate</b>	The climate of the tropics. A damp climate in which all 12 months have a mean temperature above 18°C.		
<b>temperature</b>	The degree/intensity of heat, measured by a thermometer.		
<b>deforestation</b>	The clearing of a wide area of trees.		
<b>preservation</b>	The action of protecting something e.g. preserving the trees in rainforests.		
<b>settlements</b>	A place where people live.		
<b>Indigenous tribes</b>	Groups of people that have their own cultures, languages and customs which separate them from the rest of society.		
<b>Yanomimi tribe</b>	The largest relatively isolated tribe in South America. They live in the rainforests and mountains of Northern Brazil and Southern Venezuela.	<p><b>Human impact on the rainforest:</b></p> <p>Many human activities such as logging, mining, fires, war, pollution and cattle ranching have contributed to <b>deforestation</b>. This negatively impacts the planet as the world's rainforests provide us with oxygen.</p>	
<b>vegetation</b>	Plants found collectively in a particular area or habitat.		

Animals				Tribes
<b>Emergent layer</b>	<b>Canopy layer</b>	<b>Understory layer</b>	<b>Forest layer</b>	<p>There are approximately 400 tribes within the Amazon rainforest, each with its own language, culture and territory. The Yanomami tribe is the largest tribe in South America.</p> 
Birds Monkeys Bats Butterflies	Sloths Iguanas Toucans Tree frogs	Insects Snakes Lizards	Gorillas Anteaters Leopards Tigers	

### GEOGRAPHICAL CONTEXT

