

# Year 1 Geography - Rainforests

# Topic Intent This half term the children will be learning about the rainforest. They will locate them on maps and talk about their location in comparison to the equator and be able to use basic vocabulary to

describe what it is like inside the rainforest.

## As a geographer I will be able to:

- Locate hot and cold areas of the world in relation to the Equator and the North and South Poles
- Use basic geographical vocabulary to refer to forest, river, soil, vegetation and weather.

Key Vocabulary				
equator	An imaginary circle running round the centre of the earth.			
forest	An area of land dominated by trees.			
river	Moving water that flows downhill.			
vegetation	A patchwork of plants across an area of land.			
weather	The specific condition on a given day.			
humid	Feeling very damp due to water vapour in the air.			

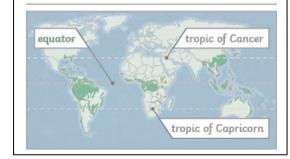
Emergent Layer	Canopy Layer	Understory Layer	Forest Layer
Trees can be up to 60m tall	Trees form a roof over the plants below	Trees grow to less than 4m tall	Very few plants
Lots of sunlight	Lots of sunlight but also plenty of rain	Very little sunlight	Almost no sunlight
Cold and windy	Lots of food for animals	Warm and humid	Leaves and debris decompose quickly
Birds, bats, monkeys and butterflies	Snakes, toucans and tree frogs	Lots of insects	Gorillas, anteaters, leopards and tigers
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#### Where in the World?

Rainforests are found near to the **equator** between the tropic of Cancer and the tropic of Capricorn.

They can be found in every continent except Antarctica.

They are located in countries such as Brazil, India, Peru, Mexico, Australia and Malaysia.



### Homework Links and Ideas

https://kids.britannica.com/kids/article/rainforest/353695

https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zx882hv/articles/zxdsvcw

Imagine you have discovered a new rainforest animal or plant. Draw or write about it.

Create your own rainforest. How could you make the trees and animals?