

Topic Autumn Term 1 Overview.

Rainforests.

Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Week 6	Week 7
What do we already know? Where are rainforests?	What is a rainforest?	Where in the rainforest do the animals live?	What do the animals need to survive?	Why are rainforests important?	Do people live in the rainforest?	How can we help look after the rainforests?
Map work - identify the countries with rainforests & find out about their climates. Equator & tropic lines.	Explore the flora across the 4 layers of a rainforest: Emergent, canopy, understory, floor.	Which animals live in the different layers? Compare the different habitats within the rainforest.	Investigate why the animals live in these different layers. Food, safety, adaptations etc.	Find out about resources that come from rainforests - deforestation & climate change.	Examine the impact of people in the rainforest - indigenous people & those who are there now.	Consider our own use of resources: hard wood & water. Creation of reserves / national parks, helping local communities.