



# Rainforests

## Year 3 Geography Knowledge Organiser Autumn Term 2023

This term, in Geography we will look at Tropical Rainforests around the world. We will learn about the layers of the forest, animal inhabitants and unique climate found in the tropics. We will compare a British forest with the Amazon rainforest and begin to explore conservation issues relating to the destruction of rainforest habitats.

### Deforestation

Trees are cut down:

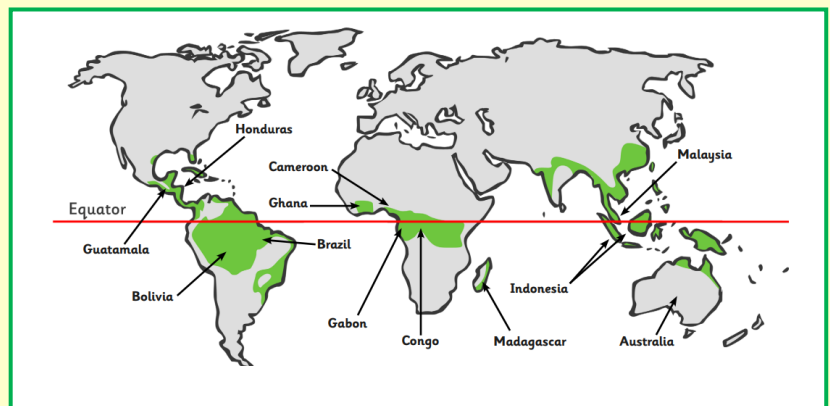
- to create fields for farming cattle and growing crops,
- to produce timber and wood pulp to make furniture and paper,
- to create space for housing.

| Positive Impacts   | Negative Impacts  |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jobs are created in logging and transporting timber and manufacturing products.</li> <li>• Selling land raises money for local people.</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• People's homes are destroyed.</li> <li>• Animals and plants may become extinct through habitat loss.</li> <li>• Plants that may have been useful could be lost.</li> </ul> |



### Geographical Focus:

- Locational Knowledge
- Place Knowledge
- Human and Physical Geography



Rainforests are found near to the equator between the Tropic of Cancer and Tropic of Capricorn. They can be found in every continent except Antarctica. They are located in countries such as Brazil, India, Peru, Australia, Mexico and Indonesia.

### Key Vocabulary

|              |            |
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| Emergent     | habitat    |
| Canopy       | species    |
| Understory   | Toucan     |
| forest floor | Fair Trade |

There are no seasons – the climate is the same all year round.

Every month has an average rainfall of at least 6cm.

It usually rains every day.

Temperatures are hot all year round.

It is very humid.

