

RAINFORESTS – RED SQUIRREL CLASS

Key Vocabulary

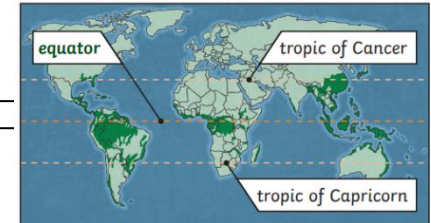
deforestation	The cutting down and clearing of forests
climate	The average weather conditions over a long period of time
export	Goods or services made in the UK and sold to another country.
import	Goods or services purchased from one country and brought into the UK.
goods	Items that can be bought and sold. Sometimes they are called products.
fair trade	A way of buying goods designed to make sure that the producers of these goods in developing countries are paid a fair and stable price for the goods that we buy from them.
globalisation	The spread of trade and ideas worldwide.
global supply chain	The different places a product and its parts come from, and travel to, on its way to the consumer (the person who is buying the product).
multinational	Something that operates in more than one country. A multinational business is based in more than one country.
economy	The word used to explain how money is made and spent in a particular area. This could be within a country or across the world.

Where?

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











Climate

The climate in the rainforest is the same all year round.

- Average rainfall of 6cm each month
- Usually rains every day
- Hot and humid



Emergent Layer	Canopy Layer	Understorey Layer	Forest Floor
			
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
			

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.



Links to previous learning:

- Animal adaption and habitats