

Key Locations:

Brazil, Peru, Ecuador

Whiston Willis Primary Academy

Years 5 and 6

Autumn Term 1

Life in the Amazon Rainforest

Vocabulary Dozen:

- **camouflage** – the way an animal hides itself by changing its body shape or colour
- **canopy** – the third layer of the rainforest which is made up of overlapping branches and leaves of the trees
- **Carbon Dioxide** - a colourless, odourless gas formed during respiration of humans and consumed by plants
- **climate** – the weather and temperature in an area of the world
- **biomes**—a large region of Earth that has a certain climate and certain types of living things.
- **deforestation** - the destruction of trees over a large area
- **ecosystem** – the way in which organisms communicate with each other and their environment
- **emergent** – the top layer of the rainforest where trees poke up above the canopy.
- **equatorial** – equatorial rainforests that grow near the equator
- **forest floor** – the bottom of the rainforest where decomposition takes place
- **understory** – an underlying layer of vegetation made up of smaller trees and shrubs
- **vegetation** – plant life growing in a certain area

Key Facts:

- There are 2 types of rainforest: Tropical (found in areas close to the equator) and Temperate (found in areas further away from the equator)
- The largest rainforest is the Amazon Rainforest in South America
- 2% of the earth's surface is covered in rainforests
- 50% of the plants and animals of the world live in rainforests.
- 20% of our water is found in a rainforest in the Amazon Basin.

Maps



RAINFOREST LAYERS

