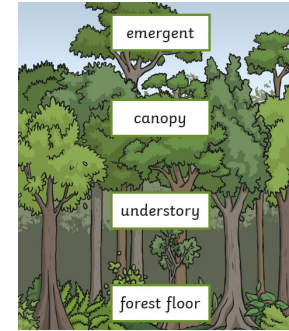




Geography Year 6—Away Study– The Amazon Rainforest

Vocabulary	
Climate zone	regions with similar long term patterns of weather (usually measured over 30 years).
biome	a large region of earth that has a certain climate and certain types of living things.
Vegetation belt	an area with distinct plant types, determined by climate, soil, drainage and elevation
trade	the buying and selling of goods and services.
deforestation	the clearing or cutting down of forests by humans.



Key Questions
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Where are the rainforests of the world located? Where is the Amazon? • What is the climate like in the Amazon rainforest? • How is the rainforest vegetation organised? • Where do people live in the rainforest? What do people do for jobs? • What threats face the Amazon rainforest? • What animals live in the Amazon rainforest? • How do six figure grid references work on maps?

Prior learning

This topic builds on the children’s locational knowledge of the wider world which has expanded from London to France to North America and now into South America. It studies physical and human features of the Amazon rainforest. It builds on earlier map studies and awareness of the way the world is organised geographically.



Key Knowledge
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tropical rainforests lie along the equator, mainly between the Tropics of Cancer and Capricorn • Rainforests have four main layers: the emergent, the canopy, the under canopy and the forest floor. • Rainforests are located in the tropical climate region. They are hot and wet all year round – this creates a humid climate. • Manaus, in Brazil, is a large city located within the Amazon rainforest; there is a large river called the Amazon that flows through the rainforest. • Deforestation is a major threat facing the world’s rainforests.

SPACE
What do the maps look like?
Where does this area fit in?

PLACE
Where do people live here? What do they do for jobs? What can you do here?

EARTH PROCESSES
What is the land like here? What physical features can we find here?

ENVIRONMENT
What living things can you find here? Are there any major changes/ threats to this area?